

# How to Collect a Pinworm Sample

Read all the instructions before collecting a sample. It's important to follow the instructions so the sample is collected the right way. This will help the test results be correct.

## How to Collect a Sample

- Collect the sample in the morning before bathing or using the toilet.
- Take the clear plastic paddle attached to the cap out of the collection container. Do not touch the paddle.
- The sticky surface of the paddle will be marked "sticky side."
- Separate the buttocks. Press the sticky side of the paddle against several areas of the skin around the anus. Do not put the paddle inside the rectum.
- Put the paddle back into the container.
- Put the cap back on the container. Make sure it is closed tightly.
- Write the patient's name, date of birth and the time the sample was taken on the container label.
- Bring the container back to the clinic right away. Keep the sample at room temperature.
- If you cannot bring the container to the clinic within 24 hours, refrigerate it until you can do so.