

Subject: **Stool for WBC's (Leukocytes)**

Effective Date: January 20, 2010

Assessment for fecal leukocytes will be performed by a new methodology that is both more sensitive than microscopy, and more suitable for use with older stool specimens. The test detects elevated levels of fecal lactoferrin, a marker for fecal leukocytes and an indicator of intestinal inflammation.

This test is not automatically included in a Stool Culture and should be ordered separately as a **Stool for WBC or Fecal Leukocytes**.

The acceptable specimen is a "**fresh**" stool (collected without preservative), up to **24** hours old.

Note: If a Stool Culture is also required then transport to the lab within 2 hours at room temperature. If a delay of over 2 hours is anticipated and a Stool Culture is ordered, then place a portion of the stool sample in Cary Blair media and send with the remaining sample to the Lab as soon as possible.

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<b>Test ID Test Name</b>	
<b>Effective Date:</b>	
Alternate Test Names:	Stool Leukocytes, Stool for WBC
Container Type:	Fresh stool specimen
Additional Information:	
Testing Frequency:	Daily
Routine turn around time:	24 hours
Stat turn around time:	1 hour