

GI-MAP Instructions



Please read all instructions carefully before beginning

Caution: Fluid in vial **---KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN---**

- Use caution opening the vial. At high altitudes, vial may be pressurized. Cover vial cap with a cloth and remove cap slowly.
- Avoid contact with the skin and eyes. For eye contact, flush with water thoroughly for 15 minutes. For skin contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water. For accidental ingestion, contact your local poison control center immediately.

Stool Collection

1. Write patient's first and last name, date of birth and **date of collection** on both Test Request Form and vial. **Please note that this is a legal requirement and you MUST fill in the details on both Test Request Form and vial. Failure to complete the Test Requisition form completely will lead to a longer turn-around time for test results or the sample may be failed.**
2. Put on the disposable gloves.
3. Remove Faeces Collection Device from packaging, gently place the collection device around the toilet seat and place it in the center of the toilet. Ensure that the bottom of the collection device does not touch the water below. **Please be careful with the Faeces collection device when placing around the toilet seat, it can tear easily.**
4. Complete the stool sample on to the collection device. Please ensure the sample is not contaminated with urine.
5. Remove the cap from the vial and using the attached spoon, transfer stool specimen into the vial. Take multiple portions from different areas of the stool sample to fill the container. Fill the vial to the "fill line". **Screw the cap on tightly.**
6. Shake the vial vigorously for 30 seconds to mix the stool specimen with the preservative in the vial.
7. Dispose of the Faeces Collection Device by ripping both sides of the paper above the toilet seat and place the collection device into the toilet bowl, wait three minutes until it has been absorbed by the water and then flush the device away.
8. Dispose of gloves appropriately.

Specimen Preparation

1. Place the specimen vial into the **ZIPLOCK SIDE** of the biohazard bag and seal the bag.
2. Take the Test Requisition Form and place it in the side pocket of the biohazard bag.
3. Return the specimen vial in the biohazard bag with your Requisition Form.
4. Place the biohazard bag inside the shipping box the kit was sent in.
5. Place the shipping box inside the self-addressed grey mailing bag and seal the envelope.
6. **If shipping from the UK**, take the sample to the post office and send **"Next Day before 1pm Special Delivery"** on either a **MONDAY, TUESDAY or WEDNESDAY**. Do not ship specimen on Thursday and Friday. **PLEASE NOTE THE ENVELOPES ARE NOT PRE-PAID.**
7. **If shipping the specimen to the US Laboratory Directly** you must ship via a **courier priority service** using FedEx Clinical Pack provided and mark "exempt human specimen" at the back of the bag. **DO NOT SEND IN THE NORMAL POST – THIS WILL NOT GET THROUGH CUSTOMS AS IT IS ILLEGAL TO SEND SAMPLES THROUGH US MAIL.**

❖ Samples MUST be received by Invivo Clinical within 1 day of collection. Please only send samples on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Do NOT ship samples on Thursday and Friday.