

## Pinworm specimen collection instructions

1. Collect the specimens upon awakening, prior to bathing or going to the bathroom.
2. Hold the **paddle** by the cap and remove from the tube.
3. Have the patient lie on his or her side or, while standing, bend over at the waist.
4. Separate the buttocks and press the tacky surface of the **paddle** against several areas of the perianal region.
5. Place the **paddle** back into the appropriately labeled tube.
6. Transport the **paddle** to the Microbiology Laboratory at room temperature within 24 hours of collection. Multiple negative test results may be needed to rule out infection.



*Paddle*

*Tube*