ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

- Peel and stick labels completed with patient's date of birth are on all tubes as well as the test requisition form

All tubes:
- Are tightly closed
- Sealed in the biohazard bag with absorbent pad
- Refrigerated until packaged for shipping

All required information:
* Can be completed online or using included paper forms
  - All sections of test requisition form completed
  - Health survey completed
  - Payment information provided
- All tubes and associated forms placed back in the original Genova sample collection pack box prior to shipping

SHIP THE SAMPLE(S) TO THE LAB

Ship only Monday through Friday, and within 24 hours after final collection. Please refer to the shipping instruction insert found in your Genova sample collection pack box.

REGISTER FOR THE PATIENT RESOURCE CENTER AT WWW.GDX.NET/PRC

- Complete health surveys
- Make payments
- Access test results

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**STOOL COLLECTION**

1. **Put on** the glove.

2. **Collect** your stool sample using the enclosed collection container. **DO NOT contaminate** the sample with either urine or water from the toilet.

3. **GREEN-TOP TUBE:** **Remove** the cap. **Transfer** stool sample into the tube using the built-in scoop. **Collect** from different areas of the sample. **Mix** the sample with the liquid in the tube until it is as smooth as possible. **Make** sure that the liquid and sample do not exceed the **FILL LINE**. **DO NOT OVERFILL. Screw** the cap on tightly. **Shake** tube for 30 seconds.

   **NOTE:** If a worm is seen, **DO NOT place** it in tube with stool. Instead **place** it in **GREEN-TOP TUBE WITHOUT** scooping additional stool. Alternatively, a worm can be placed in a clean glass jar with rubbing alcohol, with no additional stool added to jar. Make note on requisition form that a worm was seen and write **WORM** on the tube. **DO not mix and mash** sample if there is a worm inside. **DO not shake tube** if there is a worm inside.

4. **Repeat STEPS 3 through 5 with ORANGE-TOP TUBE, PINK-TOP TUBE, and the WHITE-TOP TUBE.**

   **Note:** There is no liquid in the WHITE-TOP TUBE.

5. **Collect** sample by inserting the **ROUNDED NYLON END** (see above) of the swab into the stool sample and **rotate** it. **Confirm** that the swab contains fecal material. If not, repeat.

6. **Open** the swab collection tube and insert the swab. **Mash** and **mix** the rounded nylon end of the swab with stool on it against the side of the tube. **Break** the swab off at the break point. **Place** the screw cap on the tube and tighten. **Shake** the tube. Using the peel and stick label, **write** patient’s date of birth on the label and apply to the swab tube.

7. **Record the date of collection, stool consistency** (refer to chart below), and **stool color** for **Day 3 Collection only** on the Test Requisition Form in the sample consistency, sample color, and collection date areas.

   **Consistency of Stool Sample Chart**

   - Formed
   - Hard/Constipated
   - Loose Stool
   - Watery/Diarrhea

8. **Dispose of remaining sample** into toilet and put collection container and glove in **black disposable bag**.

9. **Place** all tubes in the biohazard bag and refrigerate. **Refrigerate** until ready to ship. **DO NOT FREEZE.**