

## **Stool Collection Instructions**

1. Collect the stool and place inside the specimen container.

**\*\*STOOL MUST NOT TOUCH THE TOILET WATER OR ANY URINE\*\***

**\*Containers May Vary\***

2. Using the tongue depressors given, transfer some stool from the specimen container into all vials given. Each vial that has liquid should be filled to the indicated line/arrow, each Sterile cup given should be filled at least half way.
3. You will have 24 hours to bring in the specimen once it is collected, if the stool is going overnight, the STERILE containers must be Refrigerated/Frozen ONLY, the next morning you can transfer the stool to the smaller vials, the vials CANNOT go refrigerated or go overnight with stool. (Very important), once in the smaller vials you will have 3 hrs to drop it off at the lab.
4. Please DO NOT discard any of the containers, unless otherwise indicated.
5. If any there is a need for further clarification on the steps, please give us a call at 212-889-5544 to speak with any available clinical staff.