

# Collection and Packaging of Pinworms



Kentucky Public Health  
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## Supplies Needed for Pinworm Collection



Pinworm Paddle Tube  
Zorb Sheet  
Plastic Ziplock Bag



Aluminum Can with  
Biohazard label  
\*Ensure rubber gasket is in lid



Outreach or  
Laboratory Form 219



Outer Can with Lid

## Collection of Specimen

Collect the specimen immediately upon patient's awakening in the morning since the eggs may be lost during the day as a result of scratching, bowel movement, or bathing.

- 1) Make sure two identifiers are on the specimen label and name is correct on lab slip.
- 2) Fill out Outreach or lab form completely.

- 1) Hold the paddle by the cap and remove it from the tube.
- 2) Separate the buttocks and press the "sticky side" (labeled as such on the paddle) against the right and left perianal folds.
- 3) Replace the paddle in the tube.

## Packaging and Shipping

- 1) Place sample tube back into ziploc bag with Zorb sheet.
- 2) Place ziploc bag inside the aluminum can and tighten lid.
- 3) Wrap lab form around outside of aluminum can and place inside the outer can. Address label should be on the outside of the outer can. Specimen must be mailed to KY Public Health Lab on the day of collection.

