WILLIS-KNIGHTON LABORATORY SERVICES

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WKN (318) 212-4400, WKB (318) 212-7400, WKS (318) 212-5400, or WKP (318) 212-3400

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PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Collect specimens prior to taking antibiotics or anti-diarrhea agents.

2. Avoid the use of antacids, barium, bismuth, or laxatives prior to collection.

3. If possible, specimen collections should be spaced one day apart.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION

1. The specimen should be collected directly into the collection cup provided.

2. Using the spoon attached to the cap of each specimen transport /preservative vial, place an amount of stool sufficient to bring the volume of contents in each transport/preservative vial to the red line marked on the label. Stool should be added to a pink-top and a blue-top vial for each specimen collected.

3. Tighten the caps and shake vigorously to ensure the specimen is adequately mixed.

4. Label each vial with first and last name, date of birth, date and time. Hold vials at room temperature until all collections have been accomplished.

5. When all collections have been accomplished, transport the transport / preservative vials to the laboratory.