



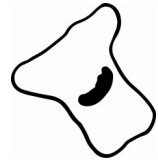
# Instructions for Infant Stool collection

## Step by step guide

★ Please collect the stool sample when your baby is as close as possible to **6 WEEKS OLD**.



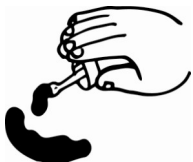
**1.** Wash your hands thoroughly before beginning collection.



**2.** Lay the nappy out flat.



**3.** Open collection pot.



**4.** Using the scoop built into the lid of the pot, collect 2-3 scoops of faeces from the nappy.



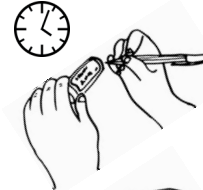
**5.** Place scooped stool sample into the collection pot.



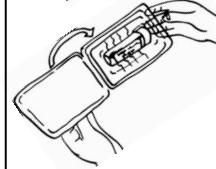
**6.** Firmly screw the lid on the pot (taking care that it is not cross-threaded).



**7.** Discard the rest of the faeces with the nappy in the usual way.



**8.** Please ensure the pot is correctly labelled with date and time stool sample was collected. The pot should already be labelled with your baby's study number.



**9.** Place the sample pot in the protective package.



**10.** Close the package making sure all the edges are 'snapped' together tightly.



**11.** Place in the plastic FREEPOST envelope and seal using the adhesive strip.



**12.** Post to the microbiology laboratory at the Royal London Hospital using the normal mail service (red Letterbox).

**Please note** the specimen sample can only be sent in the normal mail (i.e. Royal Mail) when the special absorptive protective package and the specifically marked plastic envelope are used. If you have any questions about this sample collection please contact the research midwife.