



## SEARCH FOR OCCULT BLOOD IN THE STOOLS

In our laboratory this research is performed with immunological testing and therefore a meat-free diet is not necessary.

### Collection material

- sterile container
- vial with liquid preservative supplied by the laboratory

### Withdrawal methods

- collect the feces in the sterile container
- open the vial by unscrewing the cap and extract the sampling rod
- immerse the sampling rod in three different points of the stool (knurled end only)
- place the rod back into the container, screw the cap back on tightly and shake it to mix faeces and preservative.

### Notes

- an excess of sample does not allow the test to be carried out and therefore it is sufficient to dirty the knurled end of the dipstick with a minimal quantity of faeces
- if the research must be carried out on three samples collected on successive days, it is possible to keep the vials containing the stool samples in a cool place and hand them over at the end of the collection
- to avoid false positive results, it is advisable to avoid collection during the menstrual period or in case of bleeding hemorrhoids