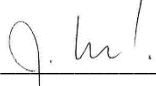



Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Outbreak Management	SUBJECT: Stool Sample Collection	SECTION: F POLICY: 12
DATE: December 2023	Administrator's Signature: <u></u>	
REVISION DATES:	IPAC Lead's Signature: <u></u>	

STOOL SAMPLE COLLECTION

POLICY:

A stool specimen is collected to investigate a resident health concern as directed by the Physician.

PROCEDURE:

The Nurse will:

- 1) Explain the procedure to the resident and ask that they let staff know when they feel that their bowels need to move.
- 2) Perform hand hygiene.
- 3) Collect the following equipment: commode with bedpan, stool specimen container, gloves and sterile tongue depressor.
- 4) Disinfect the commode bedpan.
- 5) Assist the resident to the commode and offer privacy. Make sure the resident has the call bell available.
- 6) Instruct the resident not to use toilet paper until the sample has been obtained.
- 7) Once the resident has had a bowel movement, PSW's will assist the resident off of the commode and will provide peri – care if required. The Registered Staff will use the sterile tongue depressor to remove the stool from the bedpan and into the sterile specimen container. If special samples are required the lab or Public Health Unit will provide the containers and the instructions required to collect the samples.
- 8) If the sample ordered is for occult blood detection, use the card sample collector provided by the lab. Follow the instructions noted on the card.
- 9) Remove all equipment from the room and make sure the resident is comfortable before leaving.
- 10) Properly label all samples with the resident's name, date of birth, date and time collected. Store sample according to lab requirements until the sample has been picked up by the lab technician or courier.
- 11) The Ward Clerk will complete the lab requisition.
- 12) Document the collection in the resident's progress notes.