



SCOTCH-TAPE TEST FOR PINWORMS

Your doctor has prescribed a scotch-tape test for your child to identify a pinworm infestation. This is a simple test that can be done at home to detect small, white parasites called pinworms that can live in the colon and rectum. Pinworms are spread from person to person, usually from child to child. In order to ensure that the test has been carried out properly, **follow the instructions below carefully.**

INSTRUCTIONS

The specimen collection center has provided you with a special adhesive paddle in a container.

Before beginning, **legibly print** your last and first names, date of birth, health-insurance number (RAMQ), and the time and date of the specimen collection on the container's blank label, unless a preprinted label has been provided. That would keep you from having to repeat the collection.



- The test can be performed while the child is sleeping or before arising and emptying his or her bowels (the child must remain lying down).
- The test is best performed with subdued lighting; avoid bright light.
- Turn the child on his or her stomach.
- Hold the paddle by the cap and remove it from the tube.
- Separate the child's buttocks and press the sticky surface of the paddle against the skin around and across the anus and hold for five seconds.
- Put the paddle back into the container.
- **Write the time and data of collection on the container.** Keep the sample at room temperature while waiting to take it to the laboratory.
- Wash your hands thoroughly immediately after collection.
- Take the pinworm sample to the specimen collection center closest to you as soon as possible.

PREVENTING INFESTATION

- Wash your hands thoroughly after collecting the sample.
- Make sure that your child washes his or her hands after going to the bathroom and before eating.
- Keep fingernails short and clean.

TURNING IN THE SAMPLE

To ensure test quality, take the pinworm sample to the specimen collection center closest to you as soon as possible **from Monday to Friday**. Keep the sample at room temperature until you can deliver it to the specimen collection center.

- Make sure that your last and first names as well as your health-insurance number (RAMQ) are written legibly on the label.
- Remember to bring the **prescription** your doctor gave you, if applicable.
- Make sure that you have your child's hospital card (plum colored) and health-insurance card with you.

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? Call 819-346-1110, extension 15561

OPENING HOURS AND LOCATIONS CHUS SPECIMEN COLLECTION CENTERS			
Location	Room	Telephone No.	Opening Hours (except holidays)
Specimen Collection Center, CHUS – Hôpital Fleurimont 3001 12 th Avenue North, Sherbrooke	2 nd floor, Room 2629	819-346-1110, ext. 14409	Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Specimen Collection Center, CHUS – Hôtel-Dieu 580 Bowen Street South, Sherbrooke	1 st floor, Room 1331	819-346-1110, ext. 24409	Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Murray Building Specimen Collection Center 500 Murray Street, Sherbrooke	Basement, Room 0110	819-346-1110, ext. 24409	Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Argyll Specimen Collection Center 375 Argyll Street, Sherbrooke	1 st floor, Room 1305	819-346-1110, ext. 14409	Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Lennoxville CLSC 8 Speid Street, Lennoxville	---	819-346-1110, ext. 14409	Monday AND Friday ONLY 7:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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