Instructions ¹





Important!

- · Follow these instructions carefully.
- Collect stool (poop) samples 3 days in a row.
 If you do not have daily bowel movements (poops),
 complete the test within a week.
- Mail the samples within **7 days** of starting the test.
- Contact us for another test if you need to start over.

Do not collect samples if you:

- can see blood in your stool in this case see your doctor or nurse.
- are within 3 days before or after your menstrual period.
- have just had a colonoscopy or will be having one in the next few months.

Diet and Medication

ColonCheck **does not** require you to stop eating red meat or to stop taking your medications.

Continue to eat your usual diet **except** for Vitamin C as large amounts may hide blood that is in the stool.

For 3 days before and during the time you do the test, avoid Vitamin C in excess of 250 mg/day from foods, drinks and/or supplements.

Some examples of foods high in Vitamin C are peppers, strawberries, fruit juices, oranges, and broccoli. Vitamin C is in many foods. Call us or visit GetCheckedManitoba.ca for a more complete list. Some multivitamins and iron pills contain Vitamin C so read the label.

Prepare the test card

1. Write your name and date on section 1 of the card.

B Prepare the toilet

- Flush the toilet and allow the bowl to refill. (Do not use toilet bowl cleaners while you are doing the test.)
- 2. Lift the toilet seat up.
- 3. Unfold 1 flushable toilet bowl liner, float it on the surface of the water, and allow it to stick to the sides of the toilet bowl.
- Put the seat down and have a bowel movement. Your stool will fall onto the toilet bowl liner. Do not worry if a small amount of toilet water or urine (pee) falls onto the liner.



Option: Use a clean disposable container or paper plate instead of the toilet bowl liner provided.

Collect stool samples

- 1. Open front flap of section 1 of the card.
- 2. Use one of the sticks to get a small sample of your stool.



Cover the entire area of box A with a thin smear of stool.



See other side →

Collecting stool samples

- 4. Using the same stick, collect a second sample from a **different** part of your stool.
- Cover the entire area of box B with a thin smear of stool.





- 1. Flush stool and toilet bowl liner.
- 2. Throw stick into garbage.
- 3. Wash your hands.
- 4. Close front flap of section 1.
- Store your card in Envelope A in the bathroom until your next bowel movement. Do not seal yet.

Repeat

1. Repeat all steps A-D for the next 2 days.

• Return the test

1. Review and mail the test.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE FILLED IN:

- O the yellow Response Form.
- your name and the collection dates on the flaps of all 3 sections of the collection card.

NOW YOU ARE READY TO:

- of ill in the label on Envelope A.
- put the completed card in Envelope A and seal it.
- put Envelope A and the completed yellow Response Form in the brown postage-paid envelope.
- o mail the brown envelope today!

DO NOT TAKE TO YOUR LOCAL LAB OR DOCTOR'S OFFICE.





1-855-95-CHECK Interpreter services available. ColonCheck@cancercare.mb.ca

Veuillez nous contacter pour obtenir ces renseignments en français.

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