

## **GUIDELINES FOR OVA AND PARASITES (O&P) TESTING**

1. When you send a patient to the lab to have a stool sample for O&P you need to send them with a Para pak for collection that you can get from the storeroom.
2. Submit up to 50 ml (minimum 5 ml) of stool in a clean, non-sterile or sterile container. The lid should be carefully closed and tightened to prevent leakage during transport.
3. If specimen will not be received in the laboratory within a short time of collection (30 minutes if liquid, 1 hour if soft and 24 hours if formed), the Para Pak 2 vial (10% Buffered Neutral Formalin [Pink Label/Cap] and LV-PVA Fixative [Blue Label/Cap]) system should be used for optimal recovery of parasites.
4. Call 662-2040 to obtain a Para pak

