

Collecting Pinworm (*Enterobius vermicularis*) Sample (F-Enve-O)



For the collection of pinworm sample you need a sample tube set which includes a swab and a tube with 1 ml of sterile liquid (0,9 % natriumchloride). Your nearest laboratory unit or health center will provide you with the sampling equipment.

Pinworms are found on **the skin near the anal opening during the night or when patient is at rest.**

1. Sample must be taken **instantly** in the morning before defecating.
2. Do not wipe or wash the sample collection area before swabbing.
3. Take the swab from the tube and moisten it with the liquid in the sample tube.
4. Take the sample by swirling the swab firmly against the skin around and across the anal opening. **Do not insert the swab into the rectum** because faeces distract the pinworm analysis.
5. After taking the sample break the swab so that it fits in the tube. **Tighten the cap firmly.**
6. If you have the bar code label please check your identification and stick the label on the inner tube. If there is no bar code label, write your name and identification information, the date and time of the collection of the sample on the tube with waterproof marker.
7. Wash and dry hands thoroughly after collection.
8. Put the sample tube into the plastic bag (Minirgip of similar).

Sample storage and delivery

Sample may be stored **short time** in refrigerator. Because the **analysis must be done within 24 h**, sample must not be taken at Friday if it cannot be analysed on **the same day.**