

## **Detection of Salmonella and Shigella in the stool samples for sanitary and epidemiological purposes**

1. The test bases on collecting and delivering 3 stool samples.
2. The stool samples should be collected for three following days.
3. Every time the stool sample should be collected as a swab from the stool to the transport medium. Tubes with transport medium are issued by the laboratory.
4. The vials with material should be stored at refrigerator's temperature.
5. On the day of collecting of the 3rd sample, all 3 samples should be delivered to the laboratory.

### **Sampling technique of the stool samples**

Dip the cotton swab in the stool and place it to the vial with the transport medium.  
The stool sample should be the size of the pea.

### **Storage and transport**

- Each sample can be stored for a maximum of 72 hours at 4-8 °C.
- The samples should be sealed and undamaged.
- The samples should be stored and transported in a vertical position.
- The patient should fill out the form correctly (the form is available on the website).
- The stool samples should be described: name and surname, date and time of collection.
- The form should be protected from stool contamination.

### **Additional information**

- Samples for testing are taken from Monday to Thursday from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- The cost of the test (3 samples) is PLN 125.00.
- The results are issued from Monday to Friday from 1.00 to 3.00 p.m.
- The waiting time for test results is 2-7 days.