
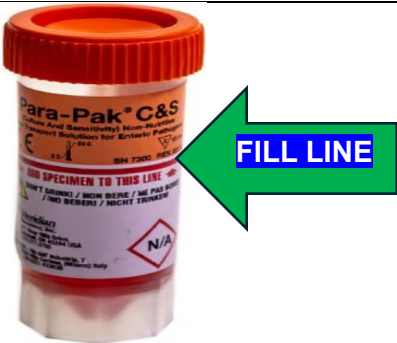








# GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOGEN PANEL SPECIMEN COLLECTION

 <p><b>ACCEPT</b></p>	 <p>Sample collected <b>at the FILL LINE</b> the specimen fill line on the container</p>	<p>The <b>Para-Pak C&amp;S</b> (Cat# 900612) container contains a precisely calibrated volume of Cary-Blair transport medium.</p> <p>The fill line ensures the correct <b>1:3</b> stool-to-preserved ratio, which is required to maintain organism viability.</p> <p>Specimen collection in a Para-Pak C&amp;S:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimize organism <b>overgrowth</b>.</li> <li>• Maintains organism <b>conditions</b> for certain pathogens.</li> <li>• Reduces <b>leakage risk</b> due to proper viscosity and container design.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>REJECT</b></p>	 <p>Sample collected <b>ABOVE</b> the specimen fill line on the container.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overfilling</b> results in <b>insufficient preservative</b>, allowing <b>organism die-off</b>, overgrowth of commensals, and degradation of nucleic acids.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>REJECT</b></p>	 <p>Sample collected <b>BELOW</b> the specimen fill line on the container</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Underfilling</b> results in <b>excess preservative</b>, which can <b>dilute pathogens</b>, reduce recovery, and compromise PCR targets.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>REJECT</b></p>	 <p>Sample collected <b>in a sterile</b> container.</p>	<p>Specimen collected in sterile container:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow <b>rapid bacterial overgrowth</b>.</li> <li>• Are <b>not leak-resistant</b> for stool.</li> <li>• Do not stabilize the specimen during transport delays.</li> </ul>