

# GI EcologiX™

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Read all instructions carefully before beginning

## Hazards & precautions

### Fluid in the eNAT swab is harmful

- Keep out of the reach of children
- Avoid contact with the skin and eyes. If contact is made, wash with clean water thoroughly for 15 minutes
- If accidentally ingested: contact your local poison control centre immediately

## Important information

- Samples must only be collected and shipped on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.
- The sample must be shipped within 24 hours of collection.

## Patient preparation

It is not recommended that you change any prescribed or regular medications / supplements without seeking advice from a suitably qualified medical professional.

Some medications / supplements are known to have an impact on the test results. If agreed with your healthcare professional, please follow the guidelines below.

### 7 Days prior to collecting sample:

- Consider discontinuing the use of anti-inflammatories
- Consider discontinuing the use of steroids

### 24 Hours prior to collecting sample:

- Consider discontinuing the use of Vitamin C >250mg/d
- Consider discontinuing the use of NSAIDS
- Consider discontinuing the use of IBS medication

### Note:

- Steroid cream: shower before & ensure all washed off
- Long term antibiotics can be continued
- Long term probiotics can be continued

## Checklist

- Complete test requisition form (TRF)
- Complete both swabs
- Place swabs into the biohazard bag
- Place the completed TRF into the side pocket of the biohazard bag
- Place biohazard bag into test kit box
- Put test kit box into the grey mailing bag
- Arrange sample return

## Kit contents

- 2 faecal collection devices
- 1 absorbent white sheet
- 1 eNAT (liquid) collection swab
- 1 ScheBo® collection swab
- 1 biohazard bag
- 1 test requisition form (TRF)
- 1 pair of latex-free gloves
- 1 unpaid addressed grey mailing bag
- 2 sample stickers

## Sample collection

1. Write in block capitals, using a permanent marker, the following information on the test requisition form and both of the sample stickers:
  - Your full name
  - Your date of birth
  - Date & time of collection
2. Peel the completed sample stickers off their protective backing and place one sticker on to each of the swabs.
3. Attempt to empty bladder prior to collecting the stool sample.
4. Put on the disposable gloves.
5. Remove the faeces collection device from its packaging and gently place the device around the toilet seat. Do not let the collection device touch the water. A cardboard tray is provided if the collection device is not suitable.
6. Complete the stool sample onto the collection device or cardboard tray. Take care not to contaminate the sample with urine.
7. Collect the eNAT (liquid) swab - instructions on page 3.
8. Collect the ScheBo® swab - instructions on page 4.
9. Ensure the lids of both swabs are tightly sealed.
10. Rip both sides of the faecal collection paper above the toilet seat and let the collection device fall into the toilet bowl. Wait 3 minutes until the device is saturated before flushing.
11. Dispose of gloves and cardboard tray appropriately.
12. Place the sample swabs into the zip-lock side of the biohazard bag, with the white absorbent sheet. Seal the bag tightly.
13. Place the completed test requisition form into the side pocket of the biohazard bag. Do not place it in the same pocket as the sample.
14. The biohazard bag should now include: two completed sample swabs, the white absorbent sheet, and the completed test requisition form. Place the biohazard bag into the test kit box it arrived in.

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## Sample shipping

### UK:

Take the unpaid addressed grey mailing bag to the post office and send "Special Delivery Guaranteed by 1pm" on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday only.

### Europe:

To arrange sample shipment, contact your local FedEx depot at least 24 hours prior to the collection of your sample. Ensure the completed test kit is inside the FedEx clinical pack provided. Ensure it is completely sealed with the FedEx shipping documents visible.

### Outside Europe:

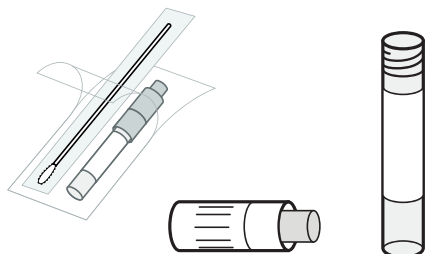
Arrange an international priority service directly to the laboratory using a courier of your choice. A FedEx clinical pack is provided if required.

The address of the laboratory is provided on the mailing bag.

Do not send the sample through the postal service. It is illegal to ship biological samples using the US postal service. It is advisable to contact Invivo ahead of shipping to make them aware of an international delivery.

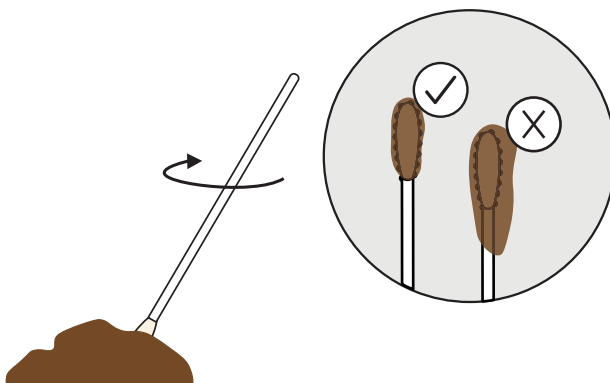
## eNAT (liquid) swab instructions

- i. Peel open the protective packaging of the eNAT swab.
- ii. Remove the lid of the transport tube and place the tube upright in close proximity.

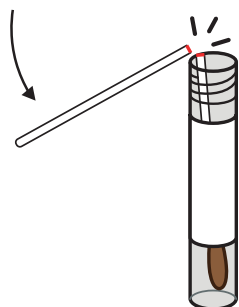


- iii. Insert the swab into the stool sample and twist. Saturate the entire tip of the swab with the stool sample. Repeat this collection procedure 3 times in 3 separate locations of the stool.

**NOTE:** Take care not to overload and/or fill the tube device with stool sample. If you do so, your sample will be rejected.



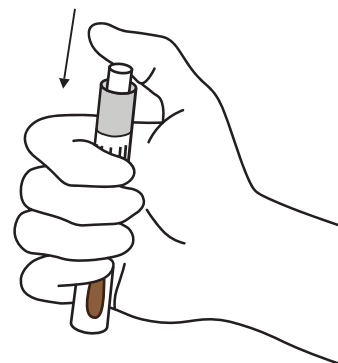
- iv. Place the swab (fabric tip first) into the transport tube and snap the swab handle against the side of the transport tube. Take care to avoid any external contamination of the device. There is an indented line along the swab handle to mark the point of which the swab will snap. Discard the swab handle.



- v. Hold the tube in a vertical position, align cap, and firmly push and screw the cap, stop when you hear a "CLICK". Screw the cap tightly.

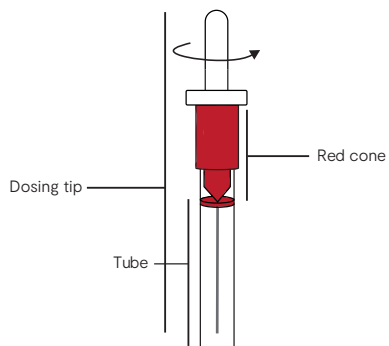


- vi. Press the plunger until is completely inside the cap. Shake the transport tube to ensure the liquid coats the fabric tip of the swab.

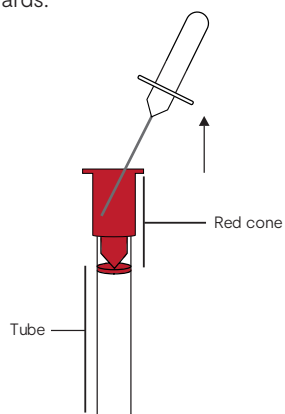


## ScheBo® swab instructions

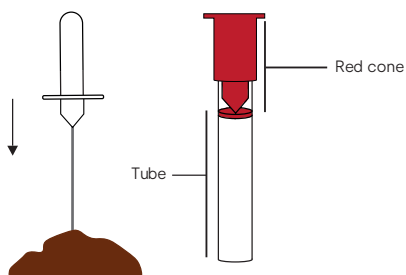
- i. Turn the white dosing tip anti-clockwise.



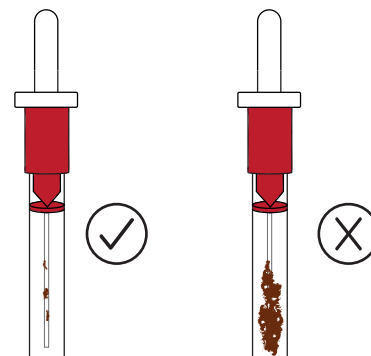
- ii. Remove the dosing tip from the transport tube by pulling it upwards.



- iii. Insert the dosing tip into the stool sample to a depth of 1 cm ensuring all notches on tip contact the stool and then remove.



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- iv. Repeat this collection procedure 3 times in 3 separate locations of the stool.  
 v. Insert the dosing tip into the transport tube via the red cone. Take care to avoid any external contamination of the device.  
 vi. Turn the dosing tip clockwise until the tip locks into the red cone.

