

Pinworm sample

Your nearest HUSLAB unit will provide you with sampling equipment

Swab stick for sampling

1–3 sampling containers containing **formalin (toxic - see operating instructions)**

Sealable plastic bags and name labels for the samples

Collecting a pinworm sample

1. Take each sample in the morning before washing or defecating.
2. Moisten the swab stick with clean water (tap water is ok), but the stick should not be soaking wet.
3. Take the sample at the mouth of the anus and the surrounding skin by spinning and pressing the stick moderately strongly against skin. Gather up any possible appearing pinworms in the swab stick.
4. Place the swab stick in the sample container containing formalin and cut it so short that you can close the cap tightly. Close the cap tightly.
5. Attach a label on the sample container indicating your name, social security number and sample collection date.
6. Seal the container carefully in a plastic bag. Store the sample in room temperature.
7. Take all the samples to the laboratory as soon as possible after collecting the last sample (within a week).

Additional information

If you have any questions, please call the HUSLAB service number on +358 9 471 86800 Mon–Fri, from 7.30 am to 3.30 pm. Please note that test results are not given over the telephone.

Operating instructions if formalin enters

THE SKIN: Remove contaminated clothing. Wash the skin with plenty of water and mild detergent for 10–15 minutes.

THE EYES: Rinse thoroughly for 20–30 minutes. If symptoms of inflammation such as severe pain or visual disorders occur, contact a doctor.

THE MOUTH: Do not try to vomit. Rinse your mouth. Drink water (about one glass). If necessary, contact the Poison information Centre on +358 9 471 977 or +358 9 4711.