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- When collection is anticipated, place non-absorbent diaper liner inside baby's diaper (Not required but useful)
- After meconium is passed, use plastic scoop attached to underside of stool container lid and place into collection vial



- Collect all meconium until:
 - transitional stool is passed
 - 2-5 grams of meconium is collected
 - Baby is discharged home (If specimen is < 5 grams at discharge, send amount collected to the lab)

Meconium Collection Instructions

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- Multiple specimens may be added to vial with each diaper change to reach 5 grams if possible. After each addition, be sure to sign, time and date the request form.
- Refrigerate meconium sample (designated secured area) until complete specimen is obtained
- Affix baby's Excellian chart identification label onto the collection vial, on all 3 pages of HCMC form and on box if used for refrigerator storage
- After collection is complete, fill out necessary documentation with baby's initials, collector's signature, baby's MRN and date
- Affix the security seal over the top, and down the sides, of the collection vial



- Complete the HCMC chain of custody form
- Place sealed specimen in a regular specimen bag with the chain of custody form in the outside pocket
- Follow current protocol for placing order and collecting specimen in Excellian for Meconium Drug Screen
- Take specimen to Lab (Meconium samples are considered irretrievable and must be hand carried to the lab by a staff member- does not need to be a nurse)