

Sample COLLECTION procedure

In the ova and parasite test, the *specific test for Enterobius vermicularis* requires a specific examination and a specific sample collection method, that is, the **Scotch Test**.

Collect the bag containing the material necessary for collecting the sample (tongue depressor and slide with a frosted area) from the Sample Collection Point and collect the sample upon awakening and before washing and defecating.

Collect the sample as follows:

- empty the bag received, leave it open and close at hand;
- write the patient's full name in pencil on the frosted area of the slide;
- lay a section of transparent adhesive tape (about 5-6 cm long) on a tongue depressor with the adhesive part on the outside, holding the two ends between your thumb and index finger;
- apply the tongue depressor with the scotch to the anus and make it stick firmly by pressing it for a few seconds;
- stick the adhesive side of the scotch to the slide provided, taking care to avoid the formation of air bubbles;
- place the slide in the plastic bag without touching its outer surface and **wash your hands thoroughly**: in fact, any eggs present are often already embryonated and infectious;
- close the bag and deliver it to the Sample Collection Point during its opening hours.

**WARNING!**

Hand washing after collecting the sample is extremely important as any eggs present are often already embryonated and infectious.