

CLSA Stool Sample Collection Participant Information Package

The CLSA is asking participants to collection some additional data at their home between their in-home and data collection site visit. We are asking you to collect a **stool sample** using a self-collection kit that will be provided.

Please read the information provided below carefully. At your in-home interview, you can speak with the interviewer about the information, ask any questions you might have, and decide if you wish to take part in this at home data collection.

You may choose not to take part in these data collection measures and this decision will not affect your participation in the CLSA.

What will be my responsibilities if I agree to provide a stool sample?

At your in-home interview, you will be provided with a package that will include **two stool sample self-collection kits**. Step-by-step instructions will be provided. You will be asked to bring the samples with you when you come for your data collection site visit.

You will be asked to repeat the stool sample collection at future CLSA interviews every three years.

What are the possible risks and discomforts?

There are no known medical risks to completing stool sample collection.

Will I receive the results from the tests done?

The stool sample you provide will be stored for future research. No tests will be run on the sample at the time of collection, and no individual results will be provided from the research performed in the future.

How will my information be managed and kept safe?

The data collected are de-identified (meaning it is connected to an ID number, not to your name or any other personal identifying information). No identifiable information will be shared with anyone outside of our established CLSA protocols.

The data from this part of the study are kept, like all CLSA data, on secure servers located at McMaster University. The stool samples will be stored in freezers located at McMaster University.