
Ova and Parasite, Concentrate and Permanent Smear, Microscopy, Feces

Test ID: OAP

Explanation:

Ova and Parasite, Concentrate and Permanent Smear, Microscopy, Feces testing is delayed effective immediately. Current TAT is extended due to unusually high volume of test requests. An update will be provided when normal testing patterns resume.

Notes:

- OAP testing is not part of the recommended approach for working up patients with diarrhea unless the patient has travelled to an endemic area.
- An algorithmic approach is recommended for working up infectious causes of diarrhea. Please review below algorithms for guidance on appropriate utilization of OAP and for alternative test recommendations.
 - [Parasitic Investigation of Stool Specimens Algorithm](#)
 - [Laboratory Testing for Infectious Causes of Diarrhea](#)

Additional Test Ordering Guidance:

If specific organisms or disease states are suspected, see below:

If *Acanthamoeba* is suspected, order ACARP / *Acanthamoeba* species Molecular Detection, PCR, Ocular.

If *Cryptosporidium* is suspected, order CRYPS / *Cryptosporidium* Antigen, Feces.

If *Cyclospora* is suspected, order CYCL / *Cyclospora* Stain.

If free-living amebae are suspected, order FLARP / Free-Living Amebae, Molecular Detection, PCR, Varies

If *Giardia* is suspected, order GIAR / *Giardia* Antigen, Feces.

If microsporidia are suspected, order LCMSP / *Microsporidia* species, Molecular Detection, PCR.

If pinworm is suspected, order PINW / Pinworm Exam, Perianal.

If scabies is suspected, order PARID / Parasite Identification.

If *Schistosoma* is suspected, order SHUR / *Schistosoma* Exam, Urine.

If *Trichomonas vaginalis* is suspected, order TVRNA / *Trichomonas vaginalis*, Nucleic Acid Amplification, Varies.

If worms or worm segments are submitted, order PARID / Parasite Identification.

Questions

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