

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

**Test ID:** OAP

**Explanation:**

Due to capacity constraints, this test will become nonorderable immediately. An update will be provided once testing resumes. An update will be provided when normal testing patterns resume.

Note: The client-specific fee will be honored until further notice.

**Recommended Alternative Test:**

## Ova and Parasite Exam, Fecal (Immunocompromised or Travel History)

**Test ID:** FOAPE

**Method:**

Qualitative Concentration/Trichrome Stain/Microscopy

**Reference Values:**

Negative

**Specimen Requirements:**

**Patient Preparation:** Specimens analyzed to determine the efficacy of treatment should be collected three to four weeks after completion of therapy. Antibiotics may affect results of exam.

**Specimen Type:** Stool

**Container/Tube:** AlcorFix Tube

**Collection Instructions:** Transfer 2 g of stool within one hour of collection into AlcorFix (Min: 1 g) and send ambient.

**Acceptable:** ECOFIX preservative (T219) (Min: 5mL)

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Place specimen into preservative within 30 minutes of passage or collection.
2. Follow instructions on the container as follows:
  - a. Mix the contents of the tube with the spoon, twist the cap tightly closed, and shake vigorously until the contents are well mixed. Refer to the fill line on the Ecofix vial for stool specimens.
  - b. Do not fill above the line indicated on the container.
  - c. Duodenal aspirates, small bowel aspirates, or colonic washings should be placed in Ecofix in a ratio of 1:1

**Also acceptable:** Transfer 5 g of stool within one hour of collection into both 10 percent formalin and modified PVA (10 g total). (Min: 10 g total)

**Specimen Stability Information:**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Fecal	Ambient (preferred)	270 days
	Refrigerated	270 days

**CPT Code(s):** 87177, 87209**Day(s) Setup:** Sunday through Saturday**Report Available:** 5-11 days**Questions**

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