

Notification Date: May 17, 2023 Effective Date: June 20, 2023

Fecal Leukocytes, Feces

Test ID: LEU

Explanation:

Mayo Clinic Laboratories is implementing a new testing process for LEU/ Fecal Leukocytes, Feces on June 20, 2023.

- With the new process, MCL will <u>no longer</u> accept Low Viscosity (LV), mercury and copper (Cu) based PVA preservatives due to limitations observed in validation. All specimens received in Low Viscosity (LV)-PVA, Mercury PVA and Copper (Cu)-PVA after the effective date will be canceled.
- 10% Buffered Formalin Stool Transport plus Zinc (Zn)-PVA will continue to be acceptable.
- Preferred preservative is ECOFIX (Supply T790 or T219).

Current Specimen Required

Supplies: ECOFIX Stool Transport Vial (Kit) (T219)

Container/Tube:

Preferred: ECOFIX preservative

Acceptable: Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) preservative **Specimen Volume:** Representative portion of

collection

Collection Instructions:

1. Collect a random fecal specimen.

2. Carefully follow instructions on container.

New Specimen Required

Supplies: ECOFIX Stool Transport Vial (Kit) (T219)

Container/Tube:

Preferred: ECOFIX preservative

Acceptable: Zinc polyvinyl alcohol (Zn PVA)

preservative

Specimen Volume: Representative portion of

collection

Collection Instructions:

- 1. Collect a random fecal specimen.
- 2. Carefully follow instructions on container.

Additional Information: Specimens submitted in low viscosity (LV)-PVA, mercury PVA or copper

(Cu)-PVA will be rejected.

Questions

Contact Dunisha Messmer, Laboratory Technologist Resource Coordinator at 800-533-1710.