
Ova and Parasite, Travel History or Immunocompromised, Feces

Test ID: OPE

Explanation:

This test is delayed effective immediately. Current turnaround time is extended due to capacity constraints. An update will be provided when normal testing patterns resume.

Notes;

- Ova and Parasite 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 OPE 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 LCMS / *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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