

FINAL REMINDER: Ova and Parasites (O&P)

Test Order/Collection Vial Change

November 2, 2023

PLEASE REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION AS APPROPRIATE TO AVOID SPECIMEN REJECTIONS

**Effective NOVEMBER 7, 2023:
SPECIMENS FOR O&P EXAM RECEIVED IN THE TOTAL-FIX™ VIAL WILL BE REJECTED**

Background: On September 26, 2023, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) changed the test code and collection container for Ova and Parasite (O&P) Examination. We have allowed a transition period to avoid specimen rejections due to the collection vial change.

Effective November 7, 2023: We will be completely discontinuing the LAB955 OVA AND PARASITE (O&P) EXAMINATION test option. Any specimens received for O&P Exam in Total-Fix™ up to the November 7, 2023 date will be tested.

NEW CODE - NEW PARAPAK™ PINK/GREY VIALS

LAB101085 OVA AND PARASITE EXAM (PNK/GRY VIALS)

DEACTIVATE CODE - DISCONTINUE TOTAL-FIX™ VIAL

LAB955 / OVAF OVA AND PARASITE (O&P) EXAMINATION



Key Points:

- ✦ Total-Fix™ specimens are NOT acceptable for the new O&P test and will be rejected
- ✦ Collection Requirement update for Cryptosporidium/Giardia EIA
Culture & Sensitivity (orange lid) vial is now acceptable for this test.
 - To simplify stool collection vials, PDL will be working to discontinue Total-Fix™ over the next few months.
 - If your office has remaining vials, Total-Fix™ can still be used for Cryptosporidium/Giardia EIA collections or vials can be returned to PDL.
- ✦ Consider Alternative Testing before ordering an O&P Exam
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) provides the following guidance.
 - Do not order a comprehensive stool ova and parasite (O&P) microscopic exam on patients presenting with 1) diarrhea less than seven days' duration, 2) no immunodeficiency, 3) no history of living in or traveling to endemic areas where gastrointestinal parasitic infections are prevalent.
 - If symptoms of infectious diarrhea persist for seven days or longer, start with antigen testing.
 - LAB10100 CRYPTOSPORIDIUM/GIARDIA by EIA Collection Vial: Culture & Sensitivity (orange lid)
 - Consider a full O&P microscopic exam if other testing is negative.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100

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NEW TEST CODE:				
LAB101085 OVA AND PARASITE EXAM (PNK/GRY VIALS) LabCorp Test code: 008623				
Test includes				
Concentration of material and examination of specimen for ova and parasites by conventional iodine/saline and trichrome staining. This will not detect <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , <i>Cyclospora cayetanensis</i> , or <i>Microsporidium</i> .				
Order/Interface Code	Test Code	Order LOINC	CPT	CDM
LAB101085	1230119264	673-4	87177	30600423
			87209	30600424
Result name	Result Code	Result LOINC		
Ova + Parasite Status	1230018970	673-4		
SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen Type	Stool			
Container	Para-Pak™ Zn-PVA & Formalin vials (Pink & Grey Lid)			
Specimen Handling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carefully remove the lid of the Para-Pak vial. Use the spoon on the lid to add enough stool to raise the liquid level to the arrow on the side of the vial. DO NOT FILL VIAL ABOVE THIS LINE. Mix the contents of the vial with the collection spoon. Replace the lid tightly. Make certain that it is tightly closed. Shake the vial 20 times until all contents are well mixed. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water. Print full name, Date of Birth, and Date and Time of specimen collection on the label with a pen or marker. 			
Storage Temp	Room Temperature			
Turnaround Time	7-14 days			
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