

DISCONTINUATION OF ORDERABLE CODES:

- **PARASITE MACRO WORM**
- **STOOL CULTURE WITH GRAM STAIN**

October 16, 2023

**PARASITE & STOOL CULTURE
CODE CHANGES**

Effective October 17, 2023, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) will be discontinuing the **PARASITE MACRO WORM** test and **STOOL CULTURE with GRAM STAIN**.

Reason for the change

- **PARASITE MACRO WORM:** This test is infrequently ordered, and it is no longer feasible for PDL to continue offering. PDL has an alternative test available LAB10535 PARASITE ID, WORM.
- **STOOL CULTURE WITH GRAM STAIN:** Providing a gram stain on a stool culture is not the current industry standard. PDL did a thorough look back on stool culture gram stain results and determined the gram stain did not add clinical value. The alternative test is LAB9898 STOOL CULTURE (includes E coli Shiga-Toxin).

Action Needed: DEACTIVATE TESTS

Please remove the following the tests from the orderable test compendium in your electronic medical record (EMR) and/or update requisitions. The order will be canceled and reordered to the alternative tests if received.

DEACTIVATE	
Lab Code/Interface Code	Test Name
LAB8728/PARAW	Parasite Macro Worm
LAB9899/STLGP	Stool Culture w Gram Stain (includes E coli Shiga-Toxin)

Action Needed: ADD TESTS

Add the following tests to your EMR compendium and/or PDL requisition as appropriate.

AVAILABLE TEST OPTIONS	
Lab Code/Interface Code	Test Name
LAB10535/LAB10535	Parasite Identification (ID), Worm
LAB9898/STLCP	Stool Culture (includes E coli Shiga-Toxin)

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