

Test Order Code and Collection Container Change: Ova and Parasites (O&P)

September 14, 2023

**NEW CODE & VIALS
for OVA & PARASITES**

Effective September 26, 2023, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) will be changing the test code and collection container for Ova and Parasite (O&P) Examination as noted below. This test will be sent to our partner referral lab, LabCorp.

ACTION ITEMS

SPECIMEN CONTAINER CHANGE Please contact PDL client supply or your PDL sales representative to assist with obtaining the correct vials and replacing any kits before the transition date.

<p>NEW PARAPAK™ Zn PVA and Formalin Stool Collection vials (Pink & Grey Lid)</p>	<p>REPLACES TOTAL-FIX™ (Black Lid) FOR O&P</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Total-Fix™ Vial is needed for CRYPTOSPORIDIUM/GIARDIA ANTIGEN (EIA)</p>
	

ORDER CODE CHANGE Short term, PDL will cancel and reorder test requests on receipt to the new codes starting September 26, 2023, if in an acceptable container for LabCorp. For a better workflow for orders and result distribution, please update the test code in your electronic medical record and/or requisition.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE TESTING


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:
 - diarrhea less than seven days’ duration,
 - no immunodeficiency,
 - 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.
 - **CRYPTOSPORIDIUM/GIARDIA by EIA (LAB10100)** Total-Fix™ vial
- 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 (O&P) EXAMINATION 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	 <p>Each vial should be filled to the RED "FILL LINE"</p>		
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			
DEACTIVATE: LAB955 / OVAF OVA AND PARASITE (O&P) EXAMINATION				
PLEASE NOTE: To avoid rejections/cancelations, be sure to update to the new order code LAB101085 and collect into the Para-Pak™ Zn-PVA & Formalin vials (Pink & Grey Lid) starting September 26, 2023. To ease the transition, through October 31, 2023, if a O&P specimen is submitted in Total-Fix™ (black lid) vial instead of the Para-Pak™ Zn-PVA & Formalin vials (pink/grey lids), PDL will adjust the order to LAB955 and will perform the testing. This is a temporary process to avoid rejection of specimens during the transition and will ONLY be done through October 31, 2023.				