

GI Panel by PCR and Ova and Parasite by PCR

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WHAT HAS OCCURRED

Effective immediately, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) is temporarily unable to perform the GI Panel by PCR test (LAB8729) and Ova and Parasite by PCR test (LAB8731) due to a supply shortage from our vendor. PDL has identified alternative options below.

TEMPORARILY NOT AVAILABLE:

- **GI PANEL BY PCR (LAB8729)**
- **OVA AND PARASITE BY PCR (LAB8731)**

To Be REPLACED With:

STOOL CULTURE LAB9898 and C. DIFFICILE (C. DIFF.) TOXIN B GENE, BY PCR LAB8691

Specimen Requirements:

- Fresh liquid or unformed stool (Bristol Stool Chart type 4 or higher)
- Volume is 10g. If quantity is not sufficient, then the sample will be rejected.
- Specimen must be transferred into red-top ETM vial or orange-top Para-Pak® vial within 1 hour of collection

TAT Stool Culture: 72 hours TAT C diff Toxin by PCR: 24 hours

AND/OR

OVA and PARASITE (O&P) EXAMINATION LAB955

Specimen Requirements:

- Volume is 10g. If quantity is not sufficient, then the sample will be rejected.
- Specimen must be transferred into a black-top Total-Fix vial within 1 hour of collection

TAT: 72 hours

Alternatively, it can be SENT-OUT TO OUR REFERRAL LAB:

Gastrointestinal Profile, Stool, PCR (send out to referral lab) LAB10814

Specimen Requirements:

- Please note that for the send-out test our referral lab CANNOT accept specimens submitted in the ETM transport vials. Specimens submitted in ETM will be rejected and will require a recollection. Be sure to use the orange-top Para-Pak® collection vial.
- Fresh liquid or unformed stool (Bristol Stool Chart type 4 or higher)
- Volume is 10g. If quantity is not sufficient, then the sample will be rejected.
- Specimen must be transferred into the orange-top Para-Pak within 1 hour of collection

TAT: 48 – 72 hours



EXPECTED RESOLUTION

The estimated timeline for recovery is 4-5 weeks. We will provide an update when this testing is once again available in-house. Our apologies for the inconvenience this temporary change may cause.