

## Test Update: Specimen Requirement Change Ova/Parasite Exam

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Effective **June 8, 2020**, the following Ova/Parasite tests will change specimen collection containers. For all Ova/Parasite orders placed on or after June 8, Total-Fix collection vials are required for the collection of stool needed for testing. All previous specimen containers will be discontinued. There will be no change in billed CPT codes.

PLEASE NOTE: Clients who frequently order Ova/Parasite testing will be sent new collection kits by Wednesday, June 3, 2020. All those who do not receive this shipment will need to order new collection kits from PathGroup Supplies (PathSupply #73332 – Total-Fix Vials).



Test Code	Test Name	Specimen Container	
		Old	New
CPTP	Coccidia Stain	AlcorFix	Total-Fix
MCSP	Microsporidia Stain	AlcorFix	Total-Fix
OP	Ova/Parasite Exam, Fecal	AlcorFix	Total-Fix
PARASIT	Enteric Parasites by DNA Amplification	AlcorFix	Total-Fix, AlcorFix, unpreserved stool, or 10% formalin-fixed stool

Introduced in 2016, the Enteric Parasites by DNA Amplification (Test Code: PARASIT) detects *Giardia lamblia*, *Cryptosporidium species*, and *Entamoeba histolytica*, the three most common organisms that cause parasitic infections in the United States. This molecular-based test enables faster results reporting and increased sensitivity to provide better patient care.

In cases where there is a history of international travel, immunocompromised state, or otherwise high clinical index of suspicion, the traditional Ova/Parasite Exam, Fecal (Test Code: OP) can be ordered.

For more information on all Ova/Parasite tests, visit the PathGroup Directory of Services at <http://www.pathgroup.com/clinical/testing-menu/>.

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