

## TEST UPDATE

### OVA AND PARASITE STOOL COLLECTION

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#### OVERVIEW AND CLINICAL UTILITY:

**Effective immediately**, PathGroup will implement a new single transport system, Parasep® SF Patient Care Pack, for fecal collection and transport of specimens for Ova and Parasite Fecal Examination. The one-vial system, distinguishable by its green cap and AlcorFix contents, will replace the two-vial blue and pink Para-Pak® collection containers. The new containers may have already begun arriving at your facility, however ARUP Laboratories, PathGroup’s reference partner and performing lab for Ova and Parasite examination, will continue to accept blue and pink Para-Pak containers until all inventories are depleted.

The Parasep SF Patient Care Pack provides ease of use and allows correct procedures to be maintained during routine collection, transportation, preservation, and the examination of fecal samples for the identification of intestinal parasites. The new collection system is also acceptable for Microsporidium testing. Giardia and Cryptosporidium, however, must be collected in an unpreserved stool collection cup.

#### ORDERING:

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	CPT CODE(S)
OP	Ova/Parasite Exam, Fecal	81711, 87209

#### SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE:

##### IF ORDERING

- Collect 3 separate stool specimens within a 10-day period (an individual order must be submitted for each specimen).
- Preserve 2 grams of stool in AlcorFix within one hour of collection.
- Store and transport specimen at room temperature.

*\* Detailed specimen preparation instructions can be found on PathGroup’s Online Directory of Services under test name “Ova/Parasite Exam, Fecal” or Test Code “OP”.*

**TEST PERFORMED:** Sunday – Saturday

**TURNAROUND TIME:** 3 - 7 Days

**For further questions, please contact Client Services at 615-562-9300 or 1-888-474-5227.**