

**CRYPTOSPORIDIUM/GIARDIA ANTIGEN**  
**14473/LAB14473**

**QUICK REFERENCE**

On Tuesday, August 17, 2021, a new test, Cryptosporidium/Giardia antigen, will be made available.

**DETAILS**

The new Cryptosporidium/Giardia Antigen combination assay will replace individual Cryptosporidium and Giardia tests. Both Cryptosporidium and Giardia antigens will be performed and results will be reported simultaneously.



The new assay has higher sensitivities and specificities than the individual assays:

Giardia - 94% sensitivity and 100% specificity

Cryptosporidium - 98% sensitivity and 100% specificity

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Test info	Specimen	Performance	Clinical and Interpretive info	Billing	Tracking
<b>Test name:</b> <b>Test number:</b> <b>Excellian order number:</b> <b>Abbreviation:</b> <b>Alternate names:</b> <b>Tests included:</b> <b>Useful for:</b> <b>Limitations:</b>	Cryptosporidium/Giardia antigen 14473 LAB14473 CGRA Cryptosporidium/Giardia rapid antigen Cryptosporidium Giardia Rapid diagnosis of Cryptosporidium and Giardia simultaneously for patients presenting with watery diarrhea, abdominal bloating, cramping				
<b>Specimen type:</b> <b>Collection container:</b>	Stool, random Screw cap plastic container (non sterile)				
					
<b>Volume:</b> <b>Minimum volume:</b> <b>Processing instructions:</b>	2 mL 2 mL 1. Transfer stool to a C&S (Cary-Blair) preservative vial within 1 hour of collection if at ambient temperature. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the spoon in the vial and fill to the "fill line"</li> <li>Do not overfill</li> </ul> 2. Mix well 3. Refrigerate				
<b>Transport container:</b>	Stool transport media/vial - Culture and sensitivity (C&S)				
					
<b>Alternate transport container:</b>	Screw cap plastic container (non sterile)				
<b>Transport and stability:</b>	Refrigerated Stool transport media/vial - Culture and sensitivity (C&S) - 7 days Screw cap plastic container (non sterile) - 48 hours				
<b>Specimen retention time:</b> <b>Reason for rejection:</b>	7 days • Improper label (unlabeled or mislabeled) • Time delay between time of collection and receipt of specimen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unpreserved specimen received at AHL more than 48 hrs after collection</li> </ul> • Improper transport container <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stools in PVA fixative or EcoFix</li> </ul> • Improper transport temperature • Inappropriate specimen type • Leaking container • Overfilled transport vial • More than 1 specimen/day • Concentrated stools/formed stools				

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