

OVA AND PARASITES EXAMINATION, FECES AND SPUTUM
14491/LAB14491

QUICK REFERENCE

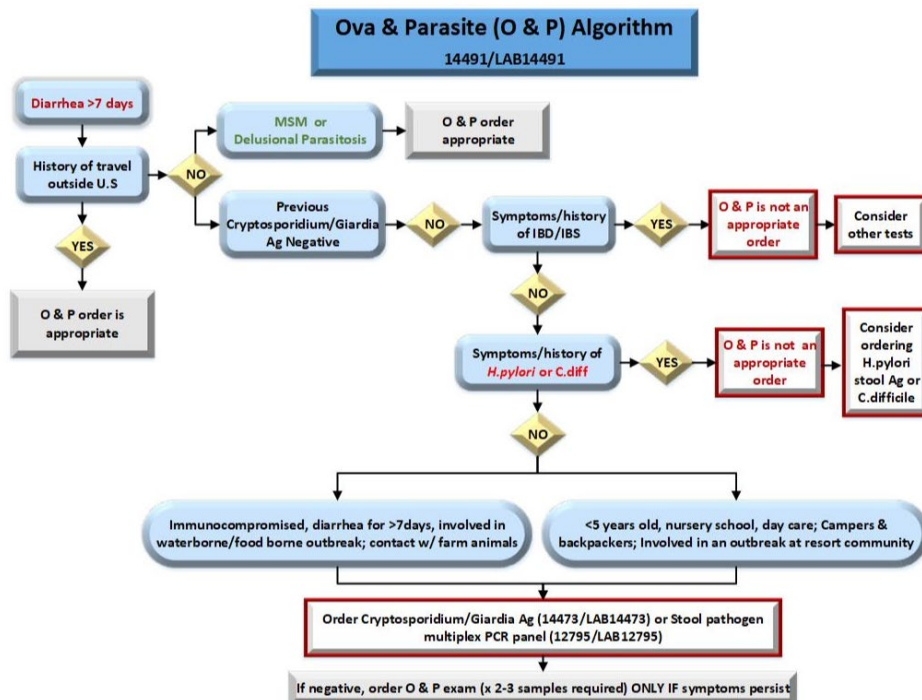
Effective December 21, 2021, a new test, Ova and parasite examination, feces and sputum (14491/LAB14491), referred to LabCorp, will be available to order. This test replaces the Ova & parasites exam (6596/LAB6596) currently performed in-house at Allina Health Laboratory.

DETAILS

Test guidance:

Ova and Parasite testing is appropriate for patients who have had diarrhea for at least 7 days and a recent negative Cryptosporidium/Giardia antigen test. If diarrhea is less than 7 days and does not have a recent negative test, order the [Cryptosporidium/Giardia antigen](#) (14473/LAB14473) test.

For patients suspected of potential parasitic diarrhea, THREE stool specimens collected on different days (within a 7-day period) should be submitted.



For patients suspected of paragonimiasis or echinococcosis, submit a sputum specimen.

QUESTIONS: Contact your Allina Health Laboratory account representative, or our Client Services department

New specimen transport containers:

The new test requires transport containers that differ from those currently used, Para-Pak® Zn PVA and formalin fixative (pink and grey). Collect stool in sterile cup and transfer stool to two transport containers (pink and grey). If collecting sputum, transfer sputum from sterile cup into one transport container (formalin – pink).



These new supplies will be available to order in our supply catalog effective December 6, 2021. It is suggested that you order no more than a one-month supply.

Complete test information:

Complete information on this new test will be available in our Test catalog on December 21, 2021.

Ova and parasites examination, feces and sputum-14491

Test info	Specimen	Performance	Clinical and Interpretive info	Billing	Tracking
Test name:	Ova and parasites examination, feces and sputum				
Test number:	14491				
Excellian order number:	LAB14491				
Alternate names:	Parasitology examination O & P Ova + parasite exam				
Tests included:	Concentration of material and examination of specimen for ova and parasites by conventional iodine/saline and trichrome staining.				
Useful for:	Establish the diagnosis of parasitic infestation.				
Limitations:	<p>This will not detect <i>Cryptosporidium</i>, <i>Cyclospora cayetanensis</i>, or <i>Microsporidium</i>.</p> <p>One negative result does not rule out the possibility of parasitic infestation, in patients who shed organisms cyclically and in chronic infections. <i>Giardia</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium</i> are the most prevalent GI parasitic infections in US, and the sensitivity of microscopic methods for the detection of <i>Giardia</i> is from 46% to 80% and <i>Cryptosporidium</i> is <5%. Tests for <i>Giardia</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium</i> antigens have higher sensitivity and specificity.</p>				

If you are an interfaced client, and this is a test that you may utilize at your facility, contact your Account representative to obtain build information and to arrange testing.

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NEW TEST
NOTIFICATION DATE: November 29, 2021
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 21, 2021

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