

OVA & PARASITE EXAM
6596/LAB6596

QUICK REFERENCE

Effective 12/21/21, Allina Health Laboratory will no longer be performing the Ova & parasite exam (6596/LAB6596) testing in-house. The test will become obsolete and made not orderable.

DETAILS

The suggested alternative test is the Ova and parasite examination, feces and sputum (14491/LAB14491) which will be available for order beginning 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:	Ova and Parasite testing is appropriate for patients that have had diarrhea for at least 7 days, and a recent negative <i>Cryptosporidium</i> / <i>Giardia</i> antigen test. If diarrhea less than 7 days and do not have a recent negative test order the Cryptosporidium/Giardia antigen test (14473) This will not detect <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , <i>Cyclospora cayetanensis</i> , or <i>Microsporidium</i> One negative result does not rule out the possibility of parasitic infestation. Stool examination for <i>Giardia</i> may be negative in early stages of infection, in patients who shed organisms cyclically, and in chronic infections. The sensitivity of microscopic methods for the detection of <i>Giardia</i> range from 46% to 95%. Tests for <i>Giardia</i> antigen may have a higher yield.				

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