

**Test Menu**

| TOPIC   | DESCRIPTION   |
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| <b>Test Name</b>  | Intestinal Ova and Parasite   |
| <b>Other Name (s)</b>   | N/A   |
| <b>Analyte(s)</b>   | N/A   |
| <b>Test Code</b>  | 1000  |
| <b>Lab location</b>   | Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa locations  |
| <b>Department</b>   | Microbiology  |
| <b>Pre-Approval Required</b>                                  | None  |
| <b>Required Forms</b>   | DH1847  |
| <b>Specimen Sources</b>                                       | Stool specimen  |
| <b>Supplemental Information- Special Specimen Preparation</b> | Specimens received in 10% Formalin will not be able to be tested for PCR or sequencing.   |
| <b>Minimum Volume</b>   | Fill between fill line (15mL)   |
| <b>Storage Conditions</b>                                     | 15-30°C   |
| <b>Collection Media</b>                                       | Total Fix preferred or 10% Formalin   |
| <b>Specimen Labeling</b>                                      | Patient name, DOB, Collection date and NPI  |
| <b>Packaging and Shipping Instructions and Handling</b>       | Ship specimens at 15-30°C.<br>Include paperwork with specimens but separate them physically   |
| <b>Test Methodology</b>                                       | Microscopy  |
| <b>Turnaround Time</b>  | 3 days  |
| <b>Result Indicator</b>                                       | Qualitative: morphologies characteristic for intestinal parasites seen. If seen, identification is provided   |
| <b>Unsatisfactory Specimen</b>                                | No patient identification on sample<br>Names on sample and requisition slip do not match<br>Specimens damaged or leaked in transit<br>Leaked in transport |
| <b>Interferences and Limitations</b>                          | Formalin degrades nucleic acids and inhibits PCR. Specimens submitted in 10% formalin will not be tested molecularly ( <i>e.g., Cyclospora sp.</i> )      |
| <b>Additional Information &amp; Notes</b>                     | N/A   |
| <b>Reference Range</b>  | Negative-Positive   |
| <b>Reference Lab</b>  | CDC   |
| <b>Reflex testing</b>   | Next generation sequencing ( <i>Cyclospora sp.</i> , research use only)   |