

Ova and Parasite Test

DESCRIPTION

The ova and parasite test are to determine whether you have a parasitic infection in your digestive tract. When you have a parasite infecting your gastrointestinal tract, causing symptoms such as diarrhea, the parasite, and ova (eggs) are shed from the lower digestive tract into the stool. Most people who are infected by parasites in their gastrointestinal tract are due to drinking water or eating food that has been contaminated with the ova.

The most common symptoms of parasitic infections in the lower gastrointestinal tract are prolonged diarrhea, blood or mucus in stool, nausea, and abdominal pain. Serious health complications can be seen in people with weakened immune systems.

WHY DO I NEED AN OVA AND PARASITE TEST?

If experiencing diarrhea that is lasting more than a few days or have blood or mucus in the stool. The ova and parasite test can help in the diagnosis of parasitic infection in symptomatic individuals or when monitoring treatment.

AM I REQUIRED TO FAST?

No, fasting is not required. There are no dietary or medicinal restrictions to take this test.

WHAT IS THE SAMPLE REQUIRED?

A stool sample in a clean container provided by the laboratory is required for this test. Alternative specimen collections such as sputum and urine may be available, please inquire with your Any Lab Test Now location.

IS A DOCTOR'S ORDER REQUIRED?

No. You do not need to provide a doctor's order to get lab testing done at Any Lab Test Now.

WHEN WILL I GET MY TEST RESULTS?

Test results generally take between 5 to 8 business days after your specimen is collected.

DO I NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

No. You can walk in for same day testing. We make it easy for you by offering work-friendly hours.

IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY TESTS RESULTS WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

We recommend you share your results with your primary care physician or with your specialist (Infectious Disease or Gastroenterologist).