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Re: **Change in Collection Kit for Ova and Parasite Other Than  
Cryptosporidium/Giardia**

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Effective immediately, update to use the **AlcorFix collection kit** for outpatient orders for **Ova and Parasite Other Than Cryptosporidium/Giardia (microscopic examination for parasites)**. This test is indicated for immunocompromised patients and those with a travel history and requires an indication of specific parasites and/or travel history. The kits are available through central supply and additional information posted in the Lab Test Service Guide:

[University of Pennsylvania Health System Test Directory | Tests \(testmenu.com\)](#)

There is no change in collection kits for the Cryptosporidium and Giardia antigen test or the Stool Enteric Pathogen Profile. For questions, please contact the clinical microbiology laboratory at 215-662-3406.

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