

UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES

TEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Full Ova & Parasite Testing Arthropod/Worm Identification

08/12/2025

WSLH is no longer performing any parasite testing so specimens will now be sent to ARUP Laboratories, effective immediately. Worm Identification and Arthropod Identification will transition to a single test. Full Ova and Parasite testing will remain a reflex test under the full Ova and Parasite, Comprehensive test. Please see below for new ordering and collection information.

	Current Test	New Reflex Test
Test Name	Ova and Parasite, Comprehensive, Stool Change in reflex test only	Ova and Parasite Exam, Fecal (Immunocompromised or Travel History)
Epic EAP	LAB5381	Reflex, Lab order only
SQ Code	ZOVAPC	OAPIHA
	Current Test	New Test
Test Name	Ectoparasite and Arthropod Identification of Public Health Significance	Parasitic Examination, Macroscopic
Epic EAP	LAB2156	LAB247
SQ Code	BUGSL	WORMA
	Current Test	New Test
Test Name	Worm Identification	Parasitic Examination, Macroscopic
Epic EAP	LAB247	LAB247
SQ Code	ZWORMI	WORMA

Ova and Parasite, Comprehensive, Stool

SQ Order Code: ZOVAPC

Performing Laboratory: Meriter/ARUP

Methodology: EIA/Qualitative, Concentration/Trichrome, Stain/Microscopy

Specimen Requirements: Unpreserved or Cary Blair/Orange Top AND ARUP AlcorFix

Specimen Handling and Transport: Raw Stool/Cary Blair-Refrigerated
ARUP AlcorFix-Ambient.

Turnaround Time: 3-7 days, Sunday-Saturday

CPT Code: 87328,87329 (87177,87209-if indicated)

Parasitic Examination, Macroscopic

SQ Order Code:

Performing Laboratory: ARUP

Methodology: Visual Identification/Microscopy

Specimen Requirements: Macroscopic Parasite in 5-10 mL in 70-80% alcohol

Specimen Handling and Transport: Room Temperature

 If you have any questions, please call the UnityPoint Health - Meriter Laboratories Client Services Department at 608-417-6529 or 1-800-236-0465.