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### Stool Collection Device Shortage

Effective Date: August 18, 2021

There is currently a nationwide shortage of SAF fixative for stool collection. This shortage is projected to last until September 3, 2021 and will impact the following test orders for Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak, and Troy:

Test Order	Test Code	Alternative
Antigen, Cryptosporidium	LAB3409	Para-Pak Cary Blair
Antigen, Giardia	LAB5465	Para-Pak Cary Blair
Ova and Parasite	LAB5519	None
Stain, Cyclospora	LAB5524	None
Stain, Isospora	LAB5527	None
Stain, Microsporidium	LAB5528	Sterile container

The diagnostic utility of ova and parasite testing is low (<0.5% positive results) within the Beaumont patient population.

During this shortage, providers are encouraged to limit testing only to:

- immunocompromised patients with prolonged diarrhea (>7days)
- those with recent travel to endemic areas.

For patients without recent travel outside of the United States, only antigen testing for *Cryptosporidium* spp. (LAB3409) and *Giardia lamblia* (LAB5465) are indicated. The Beaumont Laboratory antigen tests for *Cryptosporidium* spp. and *Giardia lamblia* are more sensitive than an Ova and Parasite exam.

If you have questions, please contact Client Services (1-800-551-0488, option 5).

Laboratory Test Directory: <http://beaumontlaboratory.com/test-lab-directory>.

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