

Ova and Parasite Test Discontinuation

Effective Date: August 2, 2022

Beaumont Laboratory will no longer offer the Ova and Parasite (O&P) test routinely after August 2nd. The O&P test often requires submission of multiple stool samples, is labor intensive, and requires significant expertise to perform. In addition, the O&P test has limited clinical utility in the Beaumont Health patient population with only a 0.5% positivity rate. As an alternative to O&P testing, providers are encouraged to order the Ova and Parasite Antigen Screen (LAB8558), which will detect the majority of the parasites seen in our patient population (*Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*). Comprehensive O&P testing will only be available after a screening process to ensure appropriate test utilization.

Test Discontinuation Information:

Name: Ova and Parasite
Order Codes: LAB5519
CPT Codes: 87177 and 87209

If you have questions, please contact please contact your Beaumont Laboratory Customer Service Department:

- Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Troy: 800-551-0488 or 248-551-1155, Option 5
- Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton and Wayne: 800-245-3725, Option 1

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

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