

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 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.

If a traditional O&P test is needed, please visit Beaumontlaboratory.com to complete the Comprehensive Ova & Parasite testing form. The patient must have a prior negative result to the Ova and Parasite Antigen Screen and answer yes to one of the following 3 questions:

1. Has the patient traveled resided outside of the United States recently?
2. Does the patient have unexplained eosinophilia?
3. Is the patient Immunocompromised?

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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