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Test Order

Entamoeba histolytica Clearance

Synonym(s)	Amebiasis clearance
Methodology	Microscopy
Acceptable Specimen Type(s) for Testing	Stool in PARA-PAK Zn-PVA.
Transport / Collection Medium	PARA-PAK Zn-PVA
Storage and Preservation of Specimen	Mix well after collection, do not refrigerate.
Minimum Volume Required	Fill to line (do NOT overfill)
Additional Collection Instructions	N/A
Additional Required Information	N/A
Send Out?	No (Yes: PCR testing performed at the California Department of Public Health)
Turnaround Time	Up to 2 weeks.
Testing Restrictions	Performed only for San Francisco Communicable Disease Control.
Requisition Form(s)	http://sfcdcp.org/document.html?id=1036
Limitations / Notes / Disclaimers	Additional testing by real time PCR may be required to distinguish between <i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> from <i>Entamoeba dispar</i> .

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