

SAN MATEO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY TEST INFORMATION

Section: Parasitology Test Name: Giardia EIA

Results Available: Monday - Friday Contact Number: (650) 573-2500	Test Includes: Giardia EIA	
Reference Method: Enzyme ImmunoAssay for detection of Giardia Cyst antigens	Reporting	
Turnaround Time: 3-4 days Reference Range: No Giardia antigen is present. Limitations: Unpreserved specimens should be kept at 2-8° C and tested < 24 hrs or -20° C if tested > 24 hrs. Preserved specimens may be kept at room temperature and tested within 18 months. Concentrated fecal specimens should not be tested. Specimen Requirements Specimen Collection: Fresh or preserved stool collected from patients with diarrhea suspected of Giardia infection. Volume/Amount Required: >3 ml for liquid stools or 3 g for semisolid or solid stool. Collection/Preservation: Fresh or preserved stool in 10% formalin or SAF collected during acute or symptomatic phase of illness. Causes for Rejection: Stools delivered to the lab > 24 hours or Concentrated. Causes for Rejection: Test uses monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies to cell-surface antigens of Giardia cyst indicates that the person is shedding detectable amount of Giardia antigen. Sample Type: Fecal specimens as unpreserved or frozen, or in preservation media of 10% buffered formalin or Sodium Acetate Formalin (SAF). Preferred Specimen: Fresh unpreserved stool kept refrigerated and tested within 24 hrs. of collection. Storage Instructions: Store fresh stool at 2-8° C and test within 24 hrs or -20° C if tested >24hr. Preserved samples can be kept at room temperature and tested within 18 months. Causes for Rejection: Stools delivered to the lab > 24 hours or Concentrated. Sample Container: Clean upright container for fresh stool or preserved sample in 10% formalin or SAF. Sample Test Kit: Availability: Test performed Mon, Wed, Fri Diagnostic Information: Test uses monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies to cell-surface antigens of Giardia cyst. It is used for human fecal specimens suspected of Giardia gastrointestinal infections. Specimen Submission Request Form: Standard clinical test request form or through computer interface. Specimen Submission Specimen Submission Specimen Bandling: Standard collection and handling procedures used in-house for fecal speci	Results Available: Monday - Friday	Contact Number: (650) 573-2500
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