

**TEST CHANGE**

**Cryptosporidium and Coccidia Exam, Fecal**

0060046, PARAST

**Specimen Requirements:**

**Patient Preparation:**

**Collect:** Stool. Due to the various shedding cycles of many parasites, three separate stool specimens collected over a 5-7 day period are recommended.

**Specimen Preparation:** Preserve 2 g of stool within one hour of collection in AlcorFix (ARUP Supply #52059) available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect(TM) or contact ARUP Client Services at (800-) 522-2787. (Min: 1 g) Additional specimen collection instructions can be found at <https://www.aruplab.com/parasep>. Preserving in 10 percent formalin is also acceptable.

**Transport Temperature:** Room temperature.

**Unacceptable Conditions:** Specimens other than stool or unpreserved stool.

**Remarks:**

**Stability:** Ambient: 9 months; Refrigerated: 9 months; Frozen: Unacceptable

**Methodology:** Qualitative Concentration/Stain/Microscopy

**Performed:** Mon-Fri~~Sun-Sat~~

**Reported:** 1-~~3~~2 days

**Note:** Cryptosporidium antigen detection by EIA is also available for stool samples only. Refer to Cryptosporidium Antigen by EIA (0060045). Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing (NAAT) for Cryptosporidium and Cyclospora is also available.

**CPT Codes:** 87177; 87207

**New York DOH Approval Status:** This test is New York DOH approved.

**Interpretive Data:**

Refer to report.

**Reference Interval:**

Negative

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