

HOTLINE: Effective February 18, 2020

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**New Test**      **3001663**      **Ova and Parasite Exam, Body Fluid or Urine**      **OP BF/U**

**Methodology:** Qualitative Concentration/Microscopy  
**Performed:** Sun-Sat  
**Reported:** 1-2 days

**Specimen Required:** Patient Prep: **Urine:** If *S. haematobium* is suspected, collect at midday or 24-hour collection in a container without preservative. Peak egg excretion occurs between noon and 3 p.m.  
Collect: Body fluid, CSF, or urine.  
Specimen Preparation: Transfer 4 mL body fluid, CSF, or urine to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 1 mL)  
Storage/Transport Temperature: **Body Fluid or Urine:** Refrigerated.  
**CSF:** Room temperature.  
Remarks: Specimen source required.  
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): **Body Fluid:** Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 72 hours; Frozen: Unacceptable  
**Urine:** Ambient: 72 hours; Refrigerated: 72 hours; Frozen: Unacceptable  
**CSF:** Ambient: 72 hours; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: Unacceptable

**Reference Interval:** Negative

**CPT Code(s):** 87177; 87209

New York DOH approval pending. Call for status update.

**HOTLINE NOTE:** Refer to the Test Mix Addendum for interface build information.