

# STOOL OVA & PARASITE TESTING CRITERIA FLOW CHART

Has the patient travelled to or resided in a developing country?

No

Yes

Full O&P  
Microscopy

Does the patient have:

- eosinophilia
- immunocompromising condition
- exposure to raw meat or fish
- previously confirmed parasitic infection

No

Yes

Full O&P  
Microscopy

Does the patient have diarrhea?

No

Yes

Is the stool bloody?

With none of the above, stool for ova & parasites is not indicated and should not be tested.

No

Yes

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Microscopy

What is the duration of diarrhea?

<5 days

≥5 days

Stool for ova & parasites is not indicated in acute diarrhea and should not be performed. For more information see TOP Guideline\*

Parasite (Protozoal) Screen for *Cryptosporidium sp.*, *Giardia sp.* and *Entamoeba histolytica*