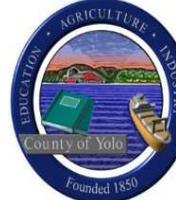


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Test	Cryptosporidium & Giardia Test
Test Description	<p>The <i>Cryptosporidium</i> and <i>Giardia</i> test is a rapid, direct fluorescent antibody test for the detection of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> oocysts and <i>Giardia</i> cysts in stool samples. This test has higher sensitivity than traditional staining and light microscopy methods.</p> <p>Note: If <i>Cryptosporidium</i> or <i>Giardia</i> are strongly suspected, ordering this test, rather than or in addition to an Ova and Parasite test, is recommended.</p>
Acceptable specimens	<p>1. Fresh stool specimens placed in 10% buffered neutral formalin (pink O&P preservative container)</p> <p>Note: A walnut-sized or 5 mL sample is an appropriate amount of stool to place in the O&P preservative containers. The medium should not be overfilled. After adding the stool sample, the contents of the collection vial should be mixed well with the provided spoon or stick. Specimens should not be contaminated with urine.</p>
Timing of collection	A series of three stools can be collected on alternate days to improve recovery because shedding of eggs/parasites in stool occurs on a cyclic basis over approximately 10 days.
Specimen storage	Specimens in O&P preservative containers should be kept at room temperature.
Specimen shipping	Preserved specimens in O&P containers should be shipped at room temperature and received by the laboratory within 7 days of collection.
CPT code	87272 (Cryptosporidium); 87269 (Giardia)
Test fee	Refer to the posted fee schedule
Result availability (turnaround time)	Results are typically available within 3–5 business days after specimen receipt.