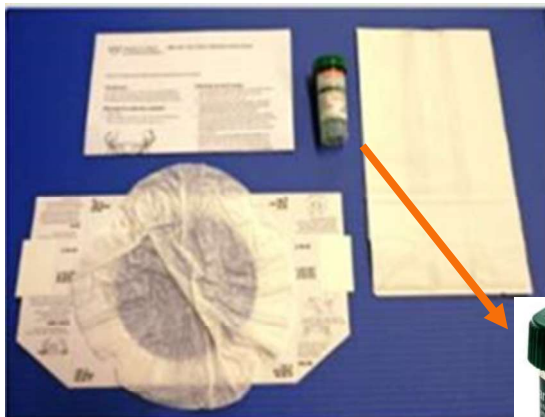


LAB2211- Stool Exam- Ova, Cysts, Parasites (Test Code: OPE [South LA]; OVAP [Shreveport/Monroe]) Huddle Helper

- **Useful for:** Detecting and identifying parasitic protozoa and eggs and larvae of parasitic helminths in stool specimens.
- This test should be ordered when suspicion of parasitic infection is based on travel history in endemic areas or when a patient is immunocompromised.
- Note: Parasites are shed irregularly in stool and examination of a single specimen does not guarantee detection. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that multiple stool specimens be submitted for ova and parasite analysis. At least 3 specimens should be collected. If multiple ova and parasite collections are requested, instruct patient to collect a specimen at least 12 hours after last collection.



Supplies:

ECOFIX Stool Transport Vial (Kit) (T219)

Container/Tube (Preferred): ECOFIX preservative- set up account with Mayo for direct shipment to site or call client services to order (2-4623) or place order on supply requisition



Kit Contents

- Ecofix vial
- Paper collection container
- Paper bag
- Instruction for Collecting Stool Specimens

Follow instructions on the container as follows:

- Place specimen into Ecofix preservative vial within **30 minutes** of passage or collection.
 - Do not fill above the fill line indicated on the container.
- Mix the contents of the tube with the spoon.
- Twist the cap and close tightly.
- Shake vigorously until the contents are well mixed.

👉 Always refer to the [Ochsner Health Lab Resource Manual](#) for most current guidelines and additional details to prevent collection errors or mishandling that could result in specimen rejection or inaccurate test results!



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