

Cyclosporiasis Testing

Notification Date: July 8, 2026
Effective: Immediately

When there is concern for Cyclospora infection, consider empiric treatment in patients with diarrhea lasting longer than 48 hours, in immunocompromised patients, or in patients admitted due to diarrhea. Empiric therapy should be withheld in patients presenting with bloody diarrhea, which is atypical for Cyclospora and suggests alternative etiologies that warrant further evaluation.

Testing: GIP – Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel

Epic Code: LAB182B

Collection: Para Pack C&S vial (Cary Blair) or fresh stool (return within 24hrs)

TAT: 2-3 days (due to high volume)

Specimens should be collected in office, or patient home.

When collecting at home, order in Epic following “Home Collect” procedure, printing label, labeling container and having patient fill in date/time collected.

***Specimens *cannot* be collected in ProMedica Laboratories drawsites.

For more information regarding Cyclosporiasis, please visit the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/cyclosporiasis/hcp/clinical-care/index.html>