

Unusual Fecal Pathogen Culture to be Discontinued

Effective April 24, 2023, UVMHC will discontinue the Unusual Fecal Pathogen Culture test. The vast majority of causes of bacterial gastroenteritis in our region will be detected using the Fecal Bacterial Pathogens PCR test. If there is concern for one of the unusual fecal pathogens (Aeromonas, Plesiomonas, Yersinia, or Vibrio species), which will not be detected by PCR, please call the UVMHC Laboratory Customer Service at (802)-847-5121 and ask to speak to microbiology for testing guidance.

Testing to be Discontinued:

Orderable to be Inactivated	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Unusual Fecal Pathogen Culture	LAB3626	FECCX	FAH5698

Recommended Alternative Testing:

Orderable Test Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID	Order LOINC	CPT Code
Fecal Bacterial Pathogens by PCR	LAB3625	FECBD	FAH5693	79381-0	87505
Result Component(s)	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID	Result LOINC	Notes
Salmonella PCR	12302006143	SALMBD	FAH5694	49612-5	
Shigella/Enteroinvasive E. coli	12302006144	SHIGBD	FAH5695	70242-3	
Campylobacter PCR	12302006145	CAMPYBD	FAH5696	49614-1	
Shiga Toxin	12302006146	SHTXBD	FAH5697	33764-2	
Specimen Requirements: Submit one of the following					
Container	Specimen	Temperature	Collect/Submit Vol	Min Vol	Stability
Para-Pak (Cary-Blair) media	Feces	Refrigerate	5 grams	0.5 grams	4 days
Para-Pak (Cary-Blair) media	Feces	Ambient	5 grams	0.5 grams	24 hours
Sterile Container	Feces	Refrigerate	5 grams	0.5 grams	24 hours

For questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact the Medical Director of Microbiology, Christina Wojewoda, MD at Christina.Wojewoda@uvmhealth.org.

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