

Reporting Title: Parasite Identification

Performing Location: Rochester

Necessary Information:

1. [Specimen source and isolate description are required: morphology, tests performed, location of specimen, or other pertinent information.](#)

2. Indicate reason for request.

Specimen Requirements:

**Specimen Type:** Parasitic worms, insects, or mites

**Container/Tube:** Sterile container (10% formalin or 70% alcohol may be added if appropriate specimen type)

**Specimen Volume:** Entire specimen

Collection Instructions:

1. For scabies, submit skin scrapings on glass microscope slide. Cover with a clean slide and use a rubber band to hold the 2 slides together (do not tape). Place the slides in a clean, dry container for transport. If no slides are available at time of collection, the dry skin scraping can be submitted in a sterile container and will be placed on slide at time of examination. Skin scraping must be visible with the naked eye to be of a quantity sufficient for testing.
2. Submit whole worms and worm segments in 70% alcohol or formalin. Worms must be clean of stool to be suitable for examination.
3. Submit arthropods (ticks, lice, nits, bed bugs, etc) in a clean, dry container. Do not wrap in tape, gauze, or tissue that might obscure them during examination.

Forms:

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Gastroenterology and Hepatology Test Request](#) (T728) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Ambient (preferred)		
	Refrigerated		

Ask at Order Entry (AOE) Questions:

Test ID	Question ID	Description	Type	Reportable
PARID	Q00M0046	Specimen Source (Required) and Isolate Description-Morphology, tests performed. (Required)	Plain Text	Yes

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
PARID	Parasite Identification	Alphanumeric		20932-0

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87168-Arthropod (if appropriate)

87169-Parasite (if appropriate)

Reflex Tests:

Test Id	Reporting Name	CPT Units	CPT Code	Always Performed	Available Separately
BUG	Arthropod Identification	1	87168	No	No, (Bill Only)
WORMY	Parasite Identification	1	87169	No	No, (Bill Only)

Reference Values:

A descriptive report is provided.