

Laboratory Update

Cyclosporiasis, Miscellaneous Testing Reminders, and NPI Accuracy.



Cyclospora: As many of you may be aware, there is an ongoing cyclosporiasis outbreak affecting multiple states, including Iowa. The MercyOne Laboratory team would like to remind providers that testing for Cyclospora is available through our Enteric Parasite PCR Panel [LAB10037]. The specimen requirement for this test is a C&S Orange Top (Cary Blair) container. This test is performed 24 hours a day, 7 days

a week in our Microbiology Laboratory to support timely diagnosis and patient care. For the most current information regarding the outbreak, please visit the CDC's [Cyclosporiasis Outbreak with Unknown Source | Cyclosporiasis | CDC](#).

Test: Enteric Parasite PCR Panel [LAB10037]

Specimen requirements: C&S Stool Transport Vial (Item #: 543016).

Miscellaneous Testing Requirements: A reminder for miscellaneous laboratory tests; standard procedure requires a test to include a test code/lab number and to specify any tube types. For example, if it is a pour-off, please specify which type of pour-off. This will help us ensure proper test performance and accuracy, and efficient turnaround time.

NPI Accuracy: Please include accurate provider information, including the NPI (National Provider Identifier) number, with all orders whenever available. Orders submitted without a known provider will continue to be assigned to the **PCP Unknown** provider record in Epic. If a provider is identified but not yet available in our systems, our LIS team will add the provider to Medicity and Epic. Providing complete and accurate provider information up front helps prevent delays, as orders with an NPI not associated with a provider can be held in an Epic work queue until our team submits a ticket and the Epic team releases the result.
