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Cyclospora O&P Test Code Change – NEW TEST CODE: SPLH10018

To All Clients,

This memo serves as an update to our previous communication regarding Cyclospora testing. Please note that the test code has changed.

IMPORTANT TEST CODE UPDATE
NEW TEST CODE: SPLH10018
Previous Test Code: SPLH681

Please begin using Test Code SPLH10018 when ordering a Parasite examination for patients with suspected Cyclospora infection.

Cyclospora cayetanensis is an important cause of prolonged watery diarrhea and is not detected by routine stool cultures or ova and parasite testing. When Cyclospora is suspected, order a Parasite examination (Test Code SPLH10018).

Consider testing in patients with:

Prolonged or relapsing watery diarrhea
Negative routine bacterial stool cultures
Recent consumption of fresh produce or travel
Symptoms suggestive of a parasitic gastrointestinal infection
IMPORTANT: Formed stool is NOT the specimen of choice.

Early detection allows for appropriate treatment and helps identify foodborne outbreaks.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION: A Cyclospora collection kit is needed. Please request a kit via courier or send the patient to the lab and one will be provided.

If you have questions regarding the appropriate stool test, please contact Sarah Goos at 337-312-1287 or sgoos@thepathlab.com.

Thank you for choosing The Pathology Laboratory for your diagnostic testing needs.