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IMPORTANT UPDATE!

TO: Prince George and Quesnel Physicians and Laboratory staff
FROM: Deanna Danskin, Microbiology Quality Resource Technologist
cc: Dr. R Dumont, Pathologist
DATE: 28 Jan 2019
RE: Ova and Parasite testing will now be referred to BCCDC for testing

UHNBC will no longer be performing Ova and Parasite (O&P) testing by concentration method; samples will be referred to the BCCDC in Vancouver while NH lab services investigates alternative methods. Prior to this change, UHNBC offered testing to Prince George and Quesnel patients; all other labs in NH have been referring O&P testing to the BCCDC since 2017.

Collection requirements, containers, and handling will remain the same:

Specimen Requirements

Specimen(s)	Container	Collection Volume	Collection
Feces in SAF	SAF feces vial, biohazard bag	Optimal: N/A Min: N/A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do not contaminate with urine, water or soil. With spoon (attached to lid of sample container), add 2 or 3 spoonfuls of fresh sample to the liquid (SAF preservative) in the container. Mix well and screw lid on tightly.

Turnround time is expected to be 3.5-4 days upon receipt of sample at the BCCDC lab. This is considered to be a routine test, and will be processed Monday through Friday (varies with STAT holidays and operations).

Please include the [BCCDC parasitology requisition](#).

Results can be accessed in e-Health viewer. If report is missing or delayed, please contact the referral lab directly; BCCDC 1-877-747-2522