

STOOL TESTING UPDATE - IMPORTANT

Changes Effective November 6, 2019

Changes effective November 6, 2019, the Stool Enteric Panel PCR will replace the stool culture panel.

Discontinued Test Codes

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The PCR test orders provide improved detection of clinical significant stool pathogens with higher sensitivity and specificity thereby negating the need for Stool Cultures.

NEW STOOL TEST CODES

- STLPCR:** Stool Panel PCR Bacterial and Viral- Rule out *Campylobacter* spp., *Salmonella* spp., *Shigella* spp., *Vibrio* spp., *Yersinia enterocolitica*, *Shigella* Toxin 1 & 2, *Norovirus* & *Rotavirus* targets.
- STBPCR:** Stool Panel PCR Bacterial-Rule out *Campylobacter* spp., *Salmonella* spp., *Shigella* spp., *Vibrio* spp., *Yersinia enterocolitica*, *Shigella* Toxin 1 & 2.
- STVPCR:** Stool Panel Viral-Norovirus & Rotavirus
- NORPCR:** Norovirus target only



Specimen for all Stool PCR testing must be collected and stored in Cary-Blair media. Cary-Blair samples can be received refrigerated or at room temperature up to five days or frozen up to 10 days.

Further instructions:

- In the event a stool culture is ordered, AHL staff will call the ordering practitioner to request an order for one of the PCR tests.

The test is performed Sun—Sat with result posting within 24 hours.

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