### Parasite - Gross Specimen Identification

**Validation:**

- All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.

**Preferred specimen type:**

- Adult Parasite

**Collection Time:**

- NA

**Collection Frequency:**

- NA

**Collection Procedures:**

- Preserve specimen in 10% Formalin.

**Transport Media:**

- 10% Formalin

**Shipping & Handling (S&H)**

- **Transport device:** Specimen cup with 10% Formalin.
- **Rejection Criteria:**
  - Leaking specimen.
  - Inappropriate transport media.
- **Transport:** Ship at ambient temperature.
  - Ship as Category B.
- **Storage:** Store at ambient temperature.

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*Preferred specimen type, if applicable  **All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.  NA: Not Applicable  Last Revised: March 2015*
General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

• Unaccepted specimen type.
• Leaky specimen.
• Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:
Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

• Patient name, patient’s county of residence, and second identifier.
• Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
• Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
• Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.
• Reason for testing at WAPHL.

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments

• Avoid sending living specimens.
• Tick removal should be performed carefully with forceps/tweezers to preserve mouthparts.