

OVA and
PARASITE -
ARTHROPODS

Orderable - OAP

Turnaround Time: 1 week

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Please review the Public Health Ontario Laboratory Test Information Index:

Arthropod - Identification

Specimen Type	Minimum Volume	Collection Kit
Miscellaneous - Arthropod (bedbugs, lice fleas, maggots, mites)	N/A	Sterile container with no preservative 



Laboratory:
Microbiology
Referred out to Public Health Ontario Laboratory



Requisition:
[PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO LABORATORY TEST REQUISITION](#)

This requisition **MUST** accompany the specimen if referred out



Method of Analysis:
Macro and Microscopic analysis



Test Schedule:
Referred out weekdays



Referred to:
Public Health Ontario Laboratory
1200 Commissioners Rd E
London, Ontario
519-455-9310

Critical Information Required:

Ensure the Public Health Ontario Laboratory Requisition includes the following:

- Site of collection
- Relevant clinical information
- Travel History

When placing order in PowerChart, select **Miscellaneous** from the **Specimen Type** drop down menu. Ensure suspected arthropod is specified in the **Specimen Description** field when placing order in PowerChart and on Public Health Laboratory Requisition.

Comments:

Public Health Ontario Laboratory will identify the following arthropods removed from humans or vicinity:

- lice
- fleas
- bedbugs
- maggots
- mites



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For tick submission, please refer to Ova and Parasite – Tick Laboratory Test Information Guide page.

Storage and Shipment:

Keep specimen at room temperature.

Specimen must be received in Microbiology within 4 hours of collection.