

Laboratory Services Important Test Announcement

NEW TEST METHOD FOR FECAL CALPROTECTIN (CALPRO)

Test Code: CALPRO Live Date: 8/11/2025

Effective 8/11/2025, the Clinical Microbiology and Immunoserology Laboratory will transition fecal calprotectin testing from a semi-automated quantitative Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) method to an automated chemiluminescent immunoassay (CLIA).

This change in instrumentation/methodology will facilitate more frequent testing and expand the reportable range. The new CLIA fecal calprotectin test has an analytical range of $5\mu g/g$ to $8,000\mu g/g$. Values below $5\mu g/g$ will be reported as $5\mu g/g$ and values above $8,000\mu g/g$ will be reported as $8,000\mu g/g$.

The NEW CLIA fecal calprotectin test is comparable to the previous methodology; however, slightly lower values are observed with the NEW CLIA method. **Therefore, individual patient testing should be rebaselined with the NEW CLIA fecal calprotectin method for long-term monitoring.**

	NEW Fecal Calprotectin, Qualitative	OLD METHOD
Test Code	CALPRO	Same
Methodology	Chemiluminescent Immunoassay (CLIA) DiaSorin LAWSON Calprotectin	Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay
Sample, minimum volume	Stool in sterile container, 5g or 5mL	Same
Stability	Room Temp, 6 hours Refrigerated, 3 days Frozen (-20°C), 16 weeks	Room Temp, 4 days Refrigerated, 10 days Frozen (-20°C), Indefinite
Analytical Measurement Range	5 – 8,000µg/g	27-3,000μg/g
Reportable Range	<50μg/g Normal 50-120μg/g Borderline, re- evaluate after 4-6 weeks >120μg/g Elevated/Abnormal	Same
Days performed	Monday - Friday	Thursday
Typical turnaround time	3 days	2 weeks