


Enterobius vermicularis

Synonyms	Thread worm, pin worm
Clinical Indication	Itching or prickling in the anal area / vaginal area, abdominal discomfort, loss of appetite, nausea
Part of Profile / See Also	Microscopy for Enterobius vermicularis ova
Request Form	ICE / Medway order comms request or clearly handwritten Microbiology form where order comms not available
Availability / Frequency of Analysis	During routine working hours
Turnaround Time	3 days
Patient Preparation	Sample to be collected first thing in the morning before using the toilet. Apply clear Sellotape to the perianal region, pressing the adhesive side of the tape firmly against the left and right perianal folds several times; the tape can be wrapped around a tongue depressor to aid specimen collection. Smooth the tape back on the slide, adhesive side down.
Sample Requirements	Please ensure that only clear sellotape is used
Specimen Type	Sellotape slide.
Volume	N/A
Container	 <p>Place labelled slide in slide container</p>
Reference Range & Units	N/A
Interferences	
Interpretation & Clinical Decision Value (if applicable)	The presence of Enterobius ova / worms on microscopy indicative of infection
References	UK SMI Bacteriology B 31 Issue no: 5.1 Issue date: 28.06.17 Investigation of specimens other than blood for parasites
Test code	FSEL
Lab Handling	Sample processed on day of receipt