

DETECTION OF OXYURIASIS EGGS- *Enterobius vermicularis* – (SCOTCH TAPE TEST)

- 1) The slides that are necessary for this exam must be collected at the laboratory.
- 2) The sample must be collected as soon as you wake up in the morning, before passing stools or washing yourself.
- 3) Use transparent Scotch tape.
- 4) Using a pair of scissors cut a piece of Scotch tape (5-6 cm). The piece of adhesive tape must be a bit shorter than the slide.
- 5) Place the Scotch tape gently but firmly around the anus on the perianal area for 15-20 seconds.
- 6) Remove the adhesive tape from the anus and place (stretch) the tape onto the slide
- 7) Bring to the laboratory within 2-4 hours from collecting the sample or keep in a refrigerator for no more than 24-48 hours.

Samples that have been collected on non-transparent tape or that are smeared with stool are NOT suitable

ATTENTION: thoroughly wash your hands after collecting a sample (pinworm eggs often embryonate and are infectious)

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