Has the patient travelled to or resided in a developing country?

Yes → Full O&P Microscopy

No →

Does the patient have:

- eosinophilia
- immunocompromising condition
- exposure to raw meat or fish
- previously confirmed parasitic infection

Yes → Full O&P Microscopy

No →

Does the patient have diarrhea?

Yes → Is the stool bloody?

No → With none of the above, stool for ova & parasites is not indicated and should not be tested.

Yes →

What is the duration of diarrhea?

<5 days → Stool for ova & parasites is not indicated in acute diarrhea and should not be performed. For more information see TOP Guideline*

≥5 days → Parasite (Protozoal) Screen for Cryptosporidium sp., Giardia sp. and Entamoeba histolytica

* http://www.topalbertadoctors.org/cpgs/4348244