

FilmArray Gastrointestinal Panel FAQ:

1. FILMARRAY GASTROINTESTINAL PANEL
 - a. Similar to FARP, instead is used for gastroenteritis (diarrhea) condition.
 - b. A broad-spectrum high-end test, examples: Biofire Filmarray GI panel, able to detect multiple bacteria and viruses that cause gastrointestinal infection.

2. How is FAGIP test done?
 - a. Stool sample needs to be collected

3. Why is FAGIP not covered generally?
 - a. In general, most patients suffering from gastroenteritis/colitis will recover with supportive/symptomatic treatment. The convention clinical guidelines rarely indicate for the need of antibiotics. Hence, only those patients that do not respond to the supportive treatment will be considered for this additional test.

4. When will FAGIP be covered?
 - a. Coverage of FARP will be considered when patient's condition met the following criteria:
 - i. The patient is in severe condition showing signs of severe dehydration and warded in ICU
 - ii. The patient is with prolonged illness & not responding to the treatment given
 - iii. The patient is suspected or confirmed to have immunocompromised condition (e.g. haematopoietic cancer, sepsis, illnesses which ongoing regular treatment of steroids, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.) for ruling out atypical infection
 - iv. The test has resulted in changed of the course of management