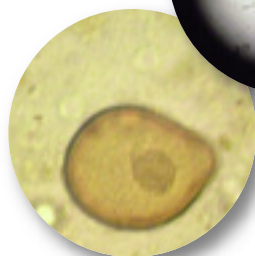
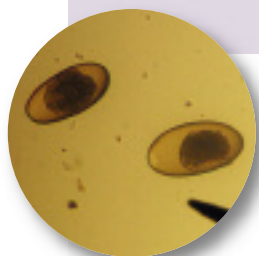
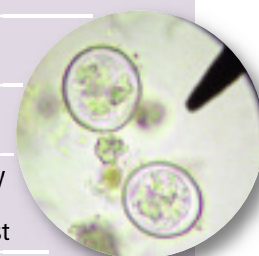


Table. Features of Parasite Ova or Cysts (light microscopy; unstained wet mount of feces)

Parasite	Color	Shape	Wall	Operculum	Internal Features	Motility
Amoeba	Colorless to golden brown	Round	Thin	No	Indistinct	None
Cestode	Colorless to gold	Oval to round	Thin	No	Oncosphere with up to 6 hooks	None
Ciliates	Colorless to gold, green, or brown	Ellipse, chicken egg, or round	Thin	Yes (in <i>Nyctotherus</i>)	Indistinct	Some may move within cyst
Coccidia	Clear	Ellipse or round	Thin	No	Sporocysts with sporozoites in most genera	None
Hookworm	Transparent	Football, ellipse, or round	Thin	No	Embryo or larva	Larva may move within ovum; free-living larvae often seen in stool
Pentastome	Colorless to gold	Chicken egg to football	Thin	None	4 hooks or legs	Larva may sometimes move legs within ovum
Pinworm	Gold to brown	Elongated ellipse to chicken egg	Moderate	No, but a small clear plug may be visible at one end	Indistinct	None
Roundworm	Transparent	Ellipse or round	Thin	No	Indistinct	None
Trematode	Gold to green or brown	Spindle, chicken egg, football, or round	Thin to moderate	Yes	Indistinct	None



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