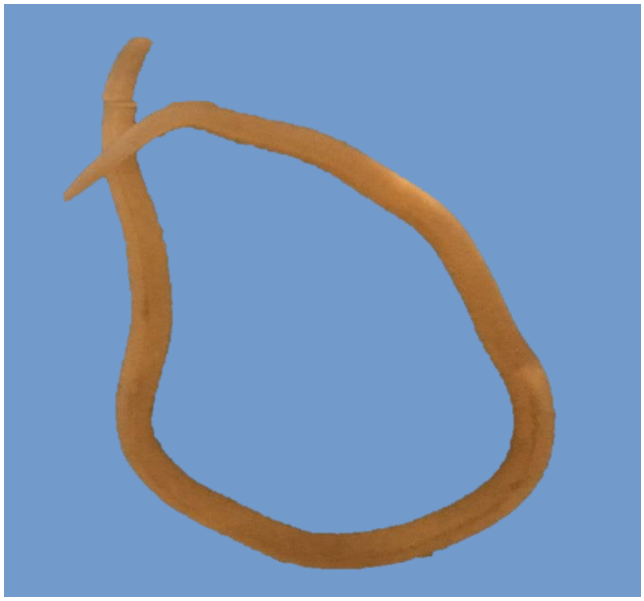
CODE: T6401 E4562

ID NOS: None

DIAGNOSIS: SMALL BOWEL – ASCARIS LUMBRICOIDES.

MACROSCOPIC: The specimen is an adult female round worm of Ascaris Lumbricoides which was found in the lumen of the small intestine.

COMMENT: Infestation by Ascaris Lumbricoides occurs through ingesting the ova in food or drink. The worms develop in the small bowel, and adult worms up to 20cm in length can inhabit any part of the small bowel. Distribution is world-wide, though more common in tropical countries. The worms usually produce no pathology in the small bowel itself, but may migrate into various ducts and cavities with resulting complications. They may produce, especially in children, obstruction with or without volvulus, appendicitis, biliary and pancreatic duct obstruction, invasion of the liver and lungs, and have occasionally caused death.