

Reporting Title: C. difficile Toxin, PCR, F
Performing Location: Rochester

Ordering Guidance:
This test is validated for unformed (liquid or soft) fecal specimens collected from patients suspected of having *Clostridioides difficile* infection.

Specimen Requirements:
The high sensitivity of amplification by polymerase chain reaction requires the specimen to be processed in an environment in which contamination of the specimen by *Clostridioides difficile* toxin DNA is unlikely.

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Preferred:
Specimen Type: Preserved feces
Supplies: Culture and Sensitivity Stool Transport Vial (T058)
Container/Tube: Commercially available transport system specific for recovery of enteric pathogens from fecal specimens (15 mL of nonnutritive transport medium containing phenol red as a pH indicator, either Cary-Blair or Para-Pak C and S)
Specimen Volume: Representative portion of feces; 5 mL
Collection Instructions:
1. Collect fresh fecal specimen and submit in container with transport medium.
2. Place feces in preservative within 2 hours of collection.
Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) <5 days/Refrigerated <5 days

Acceptable:
Specimen Type: Unpreserved feces
Supplies:
-Stool container, Small (Random), 4 oz Random (T288)
-Stool Collection Kit, Random (T635)
Container/Tube: Fecal container
Specimen Volume: Representative portion of feces
Collection Instructions: Collect fresh fecal specimen and submit representative sample in fecal container.
Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated (preferred) <5 days/Frozen <5 days

Forms:
If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following with the specimen:
[-Microbiology Test Request](#) (T244)
[-Gastroenterology and Hepatology Test Request](#) (T728)

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Fecal	Varies	5 days	

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
TCDRR	C. difficile Toxin, PCR	Alphanumeric		54067-4

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87493

Reference Values:

Negative