

Clostridium difficile Toxin Assay



Alternate Name:	C.diff, Clostridium difficile toxin
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Screw-cap container
Minimum Volume Required:	5 mL or 1 to 2 tablespoons
Testing Availability	Routine: Daily
	Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	8 hours
Special Handling:	None
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	Negative
Critical Value:	None
CPT Code:	87493
Testing Methodology:	PCR - Molecular
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Improper labeling -Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside -Single Specimen only needed -Liquid or soft stool only, formed or in preservative will not be tested -No repeat testing for 7-14 days
Other Comments:	<p>Includes detection of Toxin</p> <p>Test patients with diarrhea ≥ 3 episodes per 24 hours.</p>
Clinical Significance:	Aid in the diagnosis of antibiotic-associated diarrheal disease and pseudomembranous colitis