

LAB257 *C. difficile* with Reflex to Toxin

BMC

Important Note

For inpatient orders provider will need to reference CDIFF order set 739.

Performing Location(s)

BMC

Random Liquid Stool

Preferred Container

Carey Blair Media (ETM, red top transport tube)



Alternate Container

Sterile Container

Stool sample **must** be placed in Carey Blair Media (ETM, Red top transport tube) within 2 hours of collection.

Volume Required

1g or 5mL liquid stool

Storage Requirements

Stool in ETM (Carey Blair) Ambient (22-25°C) 4 days

Stool in ETM (Carey Blair) Refrigerated (2-8°C) 4 days

Transportation Needs

Transport to lab as soon as possible.

If immediate transport to the lab is not possible, specimen must be refrigerated

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Formed stool

Swab - Rectal, Stool

Frozen specimen in ETM (Carey Blair)

Incorrect Transport Media (Formalin, Proto-fix, SAF, MIF or PVA)

> 4 Days refrigerated or ambient

Non-stool samples

Stool sample not placed in Carey Blair Media (ETM, Red top transport tube) within 2 hours of collection.

Reference Values

Population	Test	Units	Reference Range
All Populations	C. diff NAAT	None	Negative
All Populations	C. diff Toxin	None	Negative

Available STAT

No

Methodology

Nucleic Acid Amplification test (NAAT)

CPT Code

87493