
Reporting Title: Shiga Toxin PCR, F**Performing Location:** Rochester**Additional Testing Requirements:**

In some cases, there may be local public health requirements that impact Mayo Clinic Laboratories (MCL) clients and require additional testing on specimens with positive results for this test. MCL recommends that clients retain an aliquot of each specimen submitted for testing to perform such additional testing, if needed. Alternatively (not preferred), clients who want their specimen returned from MCL should call MCL as soon as possible, at the latest within 96 hours of specimen collection, to request that MCL return an aliquot of the submitted specimen to them. Clients will be responsible for submitting their specimens to appropriate public health departments.

Necessary Information:**Specimen source is required.****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 shiga 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) <7 days/Refrigerated <7 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) <7 days/Frozen <7 days**Forms:**

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following forms with the specimen:

[-Microbiology Test Request](#) (T244)

[-Gastroenterology and Hepatology Test Request](#) (T728)

[-Renal Diagnostics Test Request](#) (T830)
[-Coagulation Test Request](#) (T753)

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Fecal	Varies	7 days	

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
SRC59	Specimen Source	Alphanumeric		31208-2
56052	Result	Alphanumeric		80679-4

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

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87798

Reference Values:

Not applicable