

## ***Clostridioides difficile* Toxin, EIA, Feces**

**Test ID:** EIACD

**Useful for:**

Diagnosing the presence of toxigenic *Clostridioides difficile*

**Methods:**

Enzyme Immunoassay (EIA)

**Reference Values:**

Negative

**Specimen Requirements:**

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. Within 2 hours of collection place feces in preservative.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred) <7 days/Refrigerated <7 days

**Acceptable:**

**Specimen Type:** Unpreserved feces

**Supplies:** Stool container, Small (Random), 4 oz (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

**Specimen Stability Information:**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Fecal	Varies	7 days

**Cautions:**

Results should be interpreted in conjunction with other laboratory and clinical data available to the clinician.

**CPT Code:** 87324

**Day(s) Performed:** Monday through Sunday

**Report Available:** Same day/1 day

**Questions**

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