

## Clostridium difficile PCR

<b>Synonyms</b>	Cdiff PCR, C. difficile PCR, C diff PCR
<b>Abbreviation</b>	C DIFF PCR
<b>Specimen type</b>	Liquid or loose stool
<b>Container</b>	Sterile, leak-proof
<b>Volume</b>	5 mL
<b>Collection requirements</b>	<p>Fresh diarrheal stool which takes the shape of the container is required.</p> <p>Formed stools or rectal swabs unacceptable.</p> <p>Stool transport media is not acceptable.</p> <p>One specimen per episode recommended and only one specimen per week accepted.</p> <p>Test of samples post treatment are not useful, as C difficile DNA may persist post therapy.</p> <p><b>Deliver to lab within 60 min.</b></p>
<b>S/H instructions</b>	Refrigerate
<b>Stability</b>	Up to 48 hrs refrigerated or frozen
<b>Reference range</b>	Negative
<b>Routine / STAT T.A.T</b>	Within 4 hours / 1 hour
<b>Section</b>	Serology
<b>LAB code</b>	04280