

## Clostridium Difficile (C. Diff ) Test

### General Instructions:

- A physician's order is required.
- Specimens should be collected before administration of antibiotics or Barium.

- 1 Use the bed pan provided to collect the specimen. Do not urinate into the pan.
- 2 Immediately, transfer the specimen into the provided container. Using a disposable plastic spoon, place a small scoopful of specimen into the container. It is very important to take samples of areas which appear bloody, mucoid, or watery.
- 3 1.0 mL of liquid stool, or 1g of semi-solid (about a tsp) is required. Recap the container and make sure the lid is on tight.
- 4 Make sure that your NAME, DATE AND TIME is on the container. The specimen should be kept cold, on ice if possible.  
Drop off the specimen at any Hagerstown Medical Laboratory Patient Service Center.
- 5 If stool occult blood or other tests are ordered, use a separate container for additional sample.
- 6 If unable to deliver to a Patient Service Center immediately after collection, place in the refrigerator, or in the freezer, and deliver the next day.

### ❖ NOTES

- 1) Specimens submitted in leaky containers or containers with obvious gross external contamination will be rejected.
- 2) Specimens sent on diapers will not be accepted.
- 3) Specimens sent on toilet paper or exam gloves will not be accepted.
- 4) Specimens containing water or urine will not be accepted. Specimens from toilet bowls are also unacceptable.
- 5) 1.0 mL of liquid stool or 1 g of solid stool required. (about a tsp.)
- 6) Hard stools should be rejected.

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