



## ***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 unformed stool (it takes shape of the container) specimen or 1 teaspoon of liquid specimen into the container.**
- 3 Recap the container and make sure the lid is on tight.**
- 4 Make sure that your NAME, DATE AND TIME is on the container.**
- 5 Place specimen in biohazard zip lock bag, and place requisition form in the outer pocket.**

**IMMEDIATELY Drop off the specimen at any Hagerstown Medical Laboratory Patient Service Center.**

- 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.**

**❖ NOTE: SPECIMEN WILL BE REJECTED IF IT IS COLLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING CONTAINER.**

- 1) Solid, formed stools will be rejected**
- 2) Specimens submitted in leaky containers or containers with obvious gross external contamination will be rejected.**
- 3) Specimens sent on diapers will not be accepted.**
- 4) Specimens sent on toilet paper or exam gloves will not be accepted.**
- 5) Specimens containing water or urine will not be accepted. Specimens from toilet bowls are also unacceptable.**
- 6) Specimens collected with culturette swab.**