



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Test Title	<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Detection In Clinical Samples Methodology: Culture
Sample Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sample type(s): 10-20 ml of watery stool, (minimum of 5mL or 5gm) is the preferred specimen; only liquid or unformed stool2. Stools submitted for isolation of <i>C. difficile</i> should be transported on ice and immediately refrigerated at 4°C upon arrival at the lab. Stools should be plated within 2 hours of collection. If this is not possible, they may be stored at 4°C for 2-3 days, frozen at -70°C for longer than 3 days, or submitted in anaerobic transport vial or bag. Spores can survive in refrigerated stool for several days; however, the number of viable vegetative cells will greatly decrease.
Sampling Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sample container: screw cap container
Procedural Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clinical Test Request Form2. CPT Code: 87081 (Culture ID)
Shipping Instructions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Temperature/preservative instructions: Ship at refrigerator temperature if <3 days from collection or refrigeration temperature if > 3 days from collection freeze and ship frozen.2. Package according to Biological Substance, Category B, shipping guidelines.3. Ship to: Idaho Bureau of Laboratories ATTENTION: Bacteriology Laboratory 2220 Old Penitentiary Rd Boise, ID 83712
Reporting and Turnaround Time (TAT)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. TAT: up to 6 working days2. Reference range: N/A