

SCREENING FOR TOXIGENIC *C. DIFFICILE* IN STOOLS

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1. Sample collection

- It is important to not let the stool touch the water in the toilet bowl and to not use toilet paper to collect it.
- Use a basin or a clean large container to collect the stool.
- Collect 10 to 20 mL of liquid or semi-liquid stool and place it in the empty sterile container provided by the laboratory (without transport medium).
- Close the container tightly to make sure that it does not leak.
- On the container, write your name, file number and the date and time of the collection. Then place the container in a Ziploc bag.
- Only one collection per day is accepted. Other collections taken on the same day will be rejected.

2. Storage

- This type of sample is **very difficult to store**.
- Keep the sample **in the refrigerator** until transporting it to the laboratory reception (SBA-31), **as soon as possible**.

3. Transport

- Bring the sample, accompanied by the requisition form duly completed, to the laboratory reception (SBA-31), **as soon as possible (ideally no more than 2 hours after the collection)**.
- Maximum timeframe: 12 hours after collection, if refrigerated.
- For better storage, keep the sample **cool** during transportation, in a cooler with an ice pack.

4. For more information

- Contact the laboratory reception at 450-759-8222, ext. 2606 (business days, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

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