



***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 of collection is on the container.**
- 5 Place specimen in biohazard zip lock bag, and place requisition form in the outer pocket.**

IMMEDIATELY place specimen on ICE and drop off the specimen at any Meritus Medical Laboratory Patient Service Center.

If unable to deliver to a Patient Service Center immediately:

Refrigerate – up to 4 hours; freeze 4 – 24 hours

TRANSPORT ALL SPECIMENS ON ICE

❖ NOTE: SPECIMEN WILL BE REJECTED IF IT IS COLLECTED WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS.

- 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 culture swabs are unacceptable.**