



## **Test Update 767**

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**Test Name** [C. difficile PCR/toxin algorithm](#)  
**Update Type** [Replacement Test](#)  
**CPT Code** 87449

### **TEST CHANGE**

#### **Clostridium difficile by EIA**

**Order Code:** CDIFF  
**CPT Code:** 87449

### **REPLACEMENT TEST**

#### **Clostridium difficile by PCR**

**Order Code:** PCRCDD  
**CPT Code:** 87449

Effective July 13, 2021, MLabs will be discontinuing Clostridium difficile by EIA (CDIFF) test and replacing it with Clostridium difficile by PCR (PCRCDD) testing.

Collection Instructions: Please collect 5 mL liquid stool in a stool collection container. Ship the specimen Frozen (preferred) or refrigerated.

Methodology: PCR

Analytic Time: 1 Day, reflexes to EIA 8 Hrs

Reference Range:

C.difficile toxin Positive / Negative [Positives reflex to EIA testing]

C.difficile antigen Positive / Negative [Positives reflex to EIA testing]

