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Test Name C. difficile PCR/toxin algorithm
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TEST CHANGES

Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel

Order Code:	GIPAN
Fee Code:	LA010 (CPT 87507)
LOINC:	82195-9

Mid Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel

Order Code:	MIDGI
Fee Code:	LA047 (CPT 87506)
LOINC:	82195-9

C. difficule PCR/toxin algorithm

Order Code:	PCRCD
Fee Code:	32277, Reflex LA032 (CPT 87798, Reflex 87324)

Effective June 17, 2026, Michigan Medicine Laboratories Molecular Microbiology lab tests, MIDGI and GIPAN, will no longer include C. diff as a test component. Orders for the C. difficile PCR & Toxin test (test ID: PCRCD) test must be ordered separately from the Gastrointestinal Panel and sent in a separate container. Raw stool is required for C. difficile testing and stool for the Gastrointestinal Panel PCR tests should be sent in Cary Blair Transport.

Results for (PCRCD) *Clostridioides difficile* (C. diff) testing will now include a GDH antigen component in addition to the PCR and toxin EIA result. The GHD antigen detects vegetative C. diff and has a very high negative predictive value (98-99%). A negative GDH result rules-out C. diff infection and provides a strong recommendation that treatment and isolation is not needed.

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