

LAB ALERT

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Test Update: Temporary Delay in TAT for *Clostridium difficile* DNA Confirmatory Testing

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Due to a manufacturing issue, there is a shortage of the *Clostridium difficile* DNA confirmatory kit (Test Code: CDIFD) currently used by the clinical microbiology laboratory. We anticipate that normal testing will resume in the next few weeks. However, effective immediately, specimens will be sent out to our reference laboratory. Specimens that test positive for GDH antigen and negative for C. difficile toxin with our screening assay (CDIF) are confirmed by PCR (CDIFD). Specimens requiring the reflex test order will be sent out daily Monday through Friday. Results should be available the day after the specimen has been sent out.

Please note that our reference laboratory will not accept stool in any stool transport media. Specimen for this test (CDIFD) and the C.difficile toxin screening assay (CDIF) must be fresh stool and is stable for 5 days refrigerated.

Interfaced Clients can continue to order the same test code CDIFD and the results will be interfaced back into their EMR's.

If you have any questions about these changes please contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators.

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