



Laboratories at Adventist Healthcare Washington Adventist Hospital, Shady Grove Medical Center and Germantown Emergency Center

Date: July 7, 2016

INTERNAL LABORATORY ALERT

Subject: Specimens for Clostridium Difficile Testing

The Laboratory is informing you of the following change:

Effective date:	July 18, 2016
Test Name:	<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Test
Specimen Requirements:	Unformed, raw stool in a sterile, leak-proof container without media, preservative, or additive. Note: unformed means the specimen will take the shape of the container holding it
Unacceptable Specimens:	The following specimens will be rejected by the laboratory <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formed stool (STOOL THAT DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE SHAPE OF THE CONTAINER)• Stool submitted on a swab• Stool submitted in transport media• Stool submitted in preservatives for O&P exams such as 10% formalin, merthiolate formalin, sodium acetate formalin, or polyvinyl alcohol preservatives• Unfrozen stool greater than 72 hours old• Specimens containing barium
Sunquest Cancel Reason Code:	Use Sunquest Code FSUN (Formed Stool unacceptable for testing) if you are rejecting because stool is formed.
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