

Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI)

Laboratory Assessment - Targeted Assessment for Prevention (TAP) Facility Assessment Tool

Notes for the Respondent:

- The questions in this section are laboratory-specific and should be directed to the facility's laboratory director or other staff that have knowledge of the practices at the laboratory that performs the facility's *C. difficile* testing.
- Responses should refer to what is *currently* in place at the facility or unit in which the assessment is being administered.

Instructions for Submission:

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Instructions for Administration:

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This Assessment Tool is a component of the Targeted Assessment for Prevention (TAP) Strategy. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/tap.html>

*This tool can be distributed and returned via email. **Prior to distribution**, enter the email address to which the completed assessments should be returned and Save the document (send this Saved version to respondents). When respondents 'Submit', the form will be automatically sent to the email address specified below.*

Return Email Address:

Laboratory Assessment

Facility Name or ID: _____ Date of Assessment: _____

Facility Type: _____ Other, Please Specify: _____

Title or role of person completing Section VI. Laboratory Practices: _____

VI. Laboratory Practices	Response Choices	Comments (and/or "As Evidenced By")
<p>1. Does the facility update, as needed, the <i>C. difficile</i> test type currently in use on the NHSN Monthly Denominator Form each quarter?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>	
<p>2. What is the <u>primary</u> testing method for <i>C. difficile</i> used by the facility's laboratory or the outside laboratory where the facility's testing is performed (check one)?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Enzyme immunoassay (EIA) for toxin <input type="checkbox"/> Cell cytotoxicity neutralization assay <input type="checkbox"/> Nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) (e.g., PCR, LAMP) <input type="checkbox"/> Glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH) antigen plus EIA for toxin (2-step algorithm) <input type="checkbox"/> GDH plus NAAT (2-step algorithm) <input type="checkbox"/> GDH, plus EIA, plus NAAT (3-step algorithm for discrepant results) <input type="checkbox"/> Toxigenic culture (<i>C. difficile</i> culture followed by detection of toxins) <input type="checkbox"/> Other* (specify): _____ </p> <p>*"Other" should not be used to name specific laboratories, reference laboratories, or the brand names of <i>C. difficile</i> tests; most methods can be categorized accurately by selecting from the options provided</p>	

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3. What was the facility's percent positivity for <i>C. difficile</i> testing over the last 6 months (# positive <i>C. difficile</i> tests/total # <i>C. difficile</i> tests performed)?	_____ # positive for <i>C. difficile</i> _____ Total # of <i>C. difficile</i> tests _____% <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
4. Does the laboratory reject formed stools sent for <i>C. difficile</i> testing, unless physician overrides?	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Often <input type="checkbox"/> Always	
5. Does the laboratory reject duplicate stools (e.g., within 7 days if negative) sent for <i>C. difficile</i> testing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Often <input type="checkbox"/> Always	

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