

## **C-Diff Toxin DNA Collection Instructions for Patients**





Sterile Container

or VPA Formalin (pink cap) Container

- a. Patient's full name
- b. Patient's DOB
- c. Date and Time of Collection

A "hat" will be given with which to collect the specimen/specimens.

## Depending on the container:

- a. Sterile Cup collect about 2 tablespoons of stool and put it into the cup.
- b. Pink Cap Vial-insert enough stool into the VPA cup to make the liquid in the cup reach the designated line.

Formed Stool Specimens will not be accepted.

<u>Repeat specimens</u> within a <u>7 day time-frame will not be accepted</u> due to the specificity of this test as a molecular amplification assay.

Specimens should be refrigerated until it can be taken to the lab. <u>Ideally, the specimen</u> should arrive at the lab within 4 hours of collection.