# C-Diff Toxin DNA Collection Instructions for Patients

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<th>or VPA Formalin (pink cap) Container</th>
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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.

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

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