

Stool Collection for Clostridium difficile (C. diff)

South Shore Regional Hospital

**Your collection sample will
not be tested if:**


- › it is not labelled correctly.
- › your requisition is not filled out.

Instructions

- Your primary health care provider (family doctor or nurse practitioner) has given you a form for this test. This form is called your **requisition**.
- Use only the specimen bottle given to you by your primary health care provider, local lab, or blood collection clinic. It should be a sterile container.

Important

- For 5 days before collecting your stool (poop), **do not** use, eat, or drink:
 - › Mineral oils
 - › Bismuth (Pepto-Bismol®)
 - › Barium
 - › Kaolin
 - › Attapulgate (Kaopectate®)
 - › Laxatives
- Use a pen that will not smudge to print on the collection bottle. **If lab staff cannot read what you wrote on the bottle label, your collection will not be tested.**

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1. Print your **full name and date of birth, health card number**, and the **collection date and time** on the collection bottle **and** requisition.
 2. Collect your stool in a clean, dry container. **Do not let your stool touch any urine (pee) or the toilet water.**
 3. Put some of your stool into the collection bottle. **Do not fill the bottle more than halfway.**
 4. Screw the lid on tight and keep the filled collection bottle in the fridge until you can bring it to the lab. **Leaking samples will not be tested.**
 5. Bring the filled collection bottle and requisition to an approved drop-off site **no more than 24 hours after you finish the collection** (see back cover for sites).

If you have been asked to collect a sample and you are having trouble, call your primary health care provider.

Each **requisition** must have:

- › Your **full name and date of birth**
- › Your **health card number**
- › Your **primary health care provider's full name and address**
- › The names of **all antibiotics you are taking**
- › The names of **all countries outside of North America that you have visited (or emigrated from) in the past 12 months**
- › **Date and time of stool collection**

Please see back cover for drop-off site locations and hours.

Drop-off sites:

Drop-off sites are closed on holidays.

South Shore Regional Hospital

Main floor

90 Glen Allan Drive

Bridgewater NS B4V 2S6

- **Drop-off hours:**

- › 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Mon-Fri)
- › When you arrive, take a Q-matic ticket.

- **Closed:**

- › 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- › 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)

Fisherman's Memorial Hospital

1st floor registration

14 High Street

Lunenburg NS BOJ 2C0

- **Drop-off hours:**

- › 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Mon-Thurs)
- › 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Fri)
- › When you arrive, take a Q-matic ticket.

- **Closed:**

- › 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- › 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)

Queen's General Hospital

1st floor

175 School Street

Liverpool NS B0T 1P0

- **Drop-off hours:**

- › 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- › 12 p.m. (noon) to 2 p.m. (Mon-Fri)
- › When you arrive, take a Q-matic ticket.

- **Closed:** 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)

North Queen's Health Centre

9698 Highway 8

Caledonia NS B0T 1B0

- **Drop-off hours:**

- › 7:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
(every second Wed)

Our Health Centre

3769 Highway 3

Chester NS B0J 1J0

- **Drop-off hours:**

- › 7:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (Thurs)

This pamphlet is for educational purposes only. It is not intended to replace the advice or professional judgment of a health care provider. The information may not apply to all situations. If you have any questions, please ask your health care provider.

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