

How To...

Properly obtain a stool sample
for *C. difficile* testing

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SAMPLE

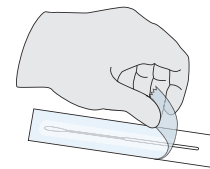
1. Stool specimens should be unformed (liquid or soft) and from patients suspected of having *Clostridium difficile*-associated disease. Prior to sampling specimen, remove and discard mucus using a swab. Only fecal material should be used. No mucus should be sampled.

**Do not transfer to Buffer Tube.*



REMOVE STERILE SWAB

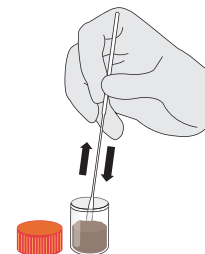
2. Remove sterile swab from package – use only the swabs contained in the kit.



DIP SWAB

3. Dip the swab into the specimen.

**Refer to Quidel Product Insert for complete instructions.*

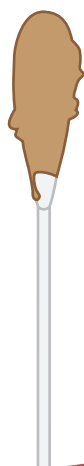


SPECIMEN EXAMPLES



NOT ENOUGH SPECIMEN

The head of the swab should be lightly coated with stool. Obtaining too little specimen may lead to erroneous results.



TOO MUCH SPECIMEN

Do not over sample, the head of the swab should only be lightly coated. In the event that excess stool is collected onto the swab, roll the swab against the inside of the stool container to remove excess stool. If excess specimen cannot be removed discard swab and start again. Obtaining excess specimen may lead to erroneous results.



ADEQUATE SPECIMEN

The swab head should be lightly coated with stool.

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