

Xpert® C. difficile BT

Detection of toxigenic *C. difficile* with binary toxin call out and presumptive identification of the epidemic 027 strain in 43 minutes



The Need

- *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. difficile*) is amongst the **most frequently reported** micro-organisms in healthcare associated infections in Europe¹
- It is associated with an **increase in length of hospital stay, high morbidity and mortality** resulting in both societal and financial burden²
- Highly virulent (027-NAP1-BI) strains have caused outbreaks of severe disease in Europe and North America and are often resistant to fluoroquinolones³
- Although the **accurate and rapid diagnosis** of *C. difficile* is essential for effective and timely treatment, this remains an unmet clinical need⁴

The Solution

- **Xpert C. difficile BT** provides **detection and differentiation** of *Clostridioides difficile* & the epidemic 027 strain, with a callout for binary toxin, in 43 minutes from unformed stool specimens
- Rapid detection and differentiation of *Clostridioides difficile* & the epidemic 027 strain **optimizes patient management** decisions, enables timely and appropriate treatment, and **supports infection control** and outbreak prevention measures⁴

The Impact

- Rapid and accurate detection of toxigenic *C. difficile* is essential to diagnose CDI to implement **optimized therapy and bed management** and to help **prevent transmission** and outbreaks:
 - **45%** reduced empiric therapy⁵
 - **48%** reduced isolation days⁶

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Product Reference Sheet — CE-IVD

Test Reagent Kit	Xpert <i>C. difficile</i> BT	
Catalog Number	GXCDIFFBT-CE-10	
Technology	Real-time RT-PCR	
Targets	<i>tcdB</i> , <i>cdt</i> , <i>tcdCΔ117</i>	
Batch or On-Demand	On-demand	
Minimum Batch Size	1	
Sample Type	Unformed (liquid or soft) stool specimen	
Sample Extraction	Automated/Integrated	
Precision Pipetting	Not required	
TAT	43 minutes	
Control: Process	Sample Processing Control	
Controls: Probe Function/Detection	Probe Check Control	
	Toxigenic <i>C. difficile</i>	Toxigenic <i>C. difficile</i> 027/NAP1/BI
Sensitivity	93.4%	Positive Agreement: 98.9%
Specificity	94%	Negative Agreement: 98.4%
Sample Stability	2-8°C for 5 days Room temperature 20-30°C for 24 hours	
Kit Storage	2-28 °C	
Commercial Controls	Refer to Package Insert or Contact Cepheid Technical Support	

Xpert® *C. difficile* BT Package Insert n° 301-6190, Rev. D, March 2023

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