

Treat the patient, not the poo

WAIT & EVALUATE

Considerations before ordering a C. difficile test

- Does the patient have clinically significant • diarrhea?
- Are there other reasons for diarrhea? ٠
- Does the stool sample take the shape of the • collection container?
- Has the patient received laxatives or enteral • feeding?

Bristol Stool Chart

TYPE 1 Separate hard lumps





Lumpy and sausage like







Repeat testing or testing for "cure" is discouraged

TAKE ACTION

Signs and symptoms of C. difficile

- Diarrhea (3 or more watery or unformed stools in 24 hours)
- Fever
- Abdominal pain/tenderness
- Elevated white blood cell count and creatinine levels
- Decreased albumin

Additional risk factors include:

- Exposure to antibiotics within the last 90 days
- Prior hospitalization or stay in long-term care facility
- Advanced age
- Use of proton-pump inhibitors

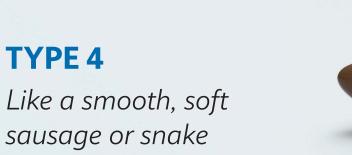
TYPE 3

TYPE 5

Soft blobs with

clear-cut edges

A sausage shape with cracks in the surface







TYPE 6 Mushy consistency with ragged edges



TYPE 7 Liquid consistency with no solid pieces

Don't delay—timely collection of appropriate stool samples from patients with signs and

symptoms of *C. difficile* is important to identify community-onset cases accurately.







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