

### **PURPOSE**

This test is requested to detect the presence of Toxins A/B produced by the bacterium Clostridium Difficile, which can cause diarrhoea after taking antibiotics.

### **PREPARATION OF THE PATIENT**

In general, no preparation is required, unless otherwise instructed by the prescribing physician.

### **COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

You will need a sealable faeces collection bottle, available from pharmacies.

The stool should be placed in a wide-mouthed container such as a bedpan. It does not need to be sterile, only clean and well rinsed (free of soap, detergents and disinfectants).

Carefully transfer a quantity of faeces equivalent to the size of 2 walnuts if the stool is solid, if the stool is liquid do not fill more than half of the collection container

- Avoid contamination with urine, toilet paper, water, etc.
- Take the sample to the laboratory as soon as possible, in the meantime, you can keep the sample at room temperature.

### **RESPONSE TIME OR RESULT**

2 days

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Analiza by email at [atencionalpaciente@analizalab.com](mailto:atencionalpaciente@analizalab.com) or by telephone on 902 67 64 57.