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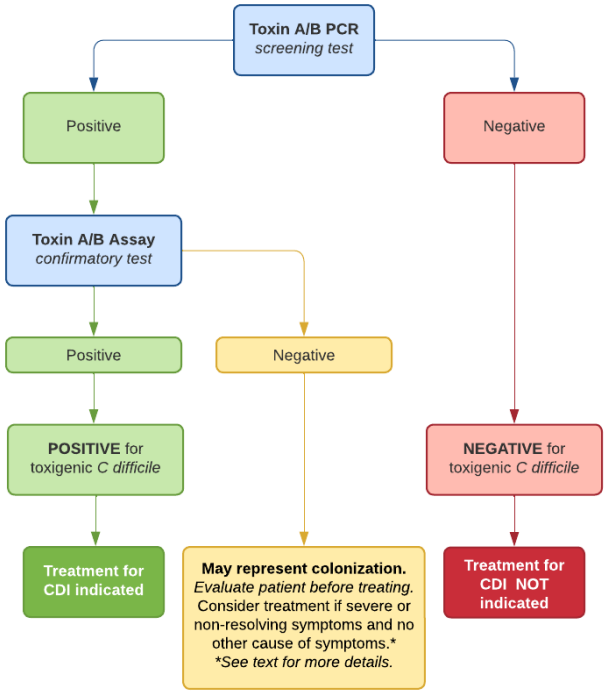
Subject: Laboratory Diagnosis of *C. difficile* Infection - CHANGES IN TESTING

Effective September 8, 2025, the UNC Medical Center Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will change its testing algorithm for the diagnosis of C. difficile infection (CDI). There is no change to test ordering (LAB253), specimen collection/acceptability criteria, or the tests used. The new test algorithm is outlined below.



Additional information can be found at the McLendon Clinical Laboratories website: *C. difficile* assay. Questions can be directed to the Carolina Antimicrobial Stewardship Program, the Microbiology Laboratory at 984-974-1805, or Dr. Melissa Miller at Melissa.Miller@unchealth.unc.edu.