

# Xpert® *C. difficile*/Epi

*45-minutes Detection & Differentiation  
of Clostridium difficile & the Epidemic 027 Strain*



→ Identify. Differentiate. Prevent.

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A better way.



The epidemic strain of *Clostridium difficile* (027/NAP1/BI) is known to produce a significantly higher number of *C. difficile* spores<sup>1,2</sup> and toxins<sup>2,3</sup>. The epidemic strain has also been identified as a cause of hospital outbreaks worldwide.<sup>4,5,6,7,8</sup> Healthcare professionals can now be informed on the epidemic *C. difficile* strain and make appropriate infection control decisions.



## The Need

Numerous outbreaks caused by the epidemic strain of *C. difficile* (027/NAP1/BI strain) highlight the need for rapid and accurate differentiation of *C. difficile* 027/NAP1/BI strains in order to stay ahead of an outbreak:

- Higher risk of cross contamination with 027/NAP1/BI strain due to more efficient sporulation<sup>1,2,3</sup>
- 027/NAP1/BI strain has been identified as a cause of outbreaks around the world<sup>4,5,6,7,8</sup>
- Incremental costs due to *C. difficile* infection can be as high as \$7,179<sup>9</sup> per patient



## The Solution

Xpert *C. difficile*/Epi is the first commercially available test in the world to detect and differentiate the epidemic strain of *C. difficile* (027/NAP1/BI). With rapid and accurate identification of the epidemic strain, Infection Control professional can stay ahead of potential outbreak.

- Innovative multiplex design enables detection of *C. difficile* Infection (CDI) and 027/NAP1/BI strain call-out in a single cartridge
- On-demand testing of samples from suspected CDI patients provides on-demand epidemiological surveillance data clinicians can act on
- Monitoring and reporting of the epidemic strain enables clinicians to improve infection control efforts

Cepheid's Xpert *C. difficile*/Epi test provides on-demand results you can trust and empowers your clinical team to better manage patients.



## Performance

Performance characteristics of Xpert® *C. difficile*/Epi were determined against broth enriched toxigenic culture and strain typing methods.

### Performance Characteristics of Xpert *C. difficile*/Epi vs. Enriched Toxigenic Culture and PCR-Ribotyping<sup>10</sup>

		Reference Culture & PCR-Ribotyping		
		Toxin B + 027+	Toxin B + 027 -	Negative
Xpert <i>C. difficile</i> /Epi*	Toxin B+ 027/NAP1/BI +	89	5	31
	Toxin B+ 027/NAP1/BI -	0	217	86
	Negative	1	21	1841
	Total	90	243	1958
		Total^		
		125		
		303		
		1863		
		2291		

\* Xpert results shown are for first or second attempt. Approximately 3.2% of the specimens were indeterminate on the first attempt.

^ 2 specimens were culture positive but were not strain typeable due to contamination and are not included in the performance characteristics above.

#### Toxigenic *C. difficile*

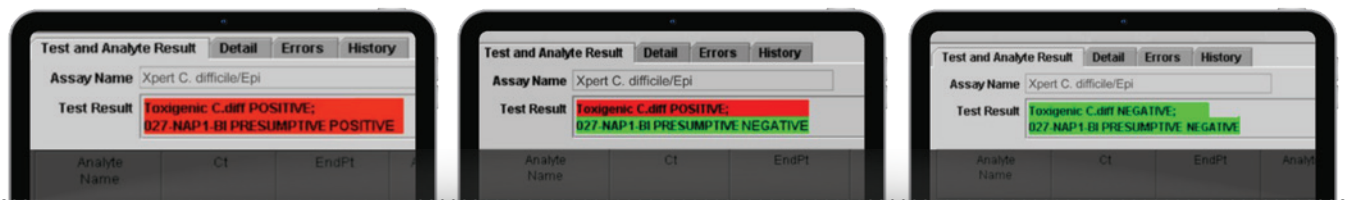
**Sensitivity** 93.39% (311/333)  
**Specificity** 94.02% (1841/1958)

#### Toxigenic *C. difficile* / 027/NAP1/BI

**POS Agreement** 98.89% (89/90)  
**NEG Agreement** 98.36% (2165/2201)

## Simple Results

*Delivers a Simple Result That is Easy to Understand*

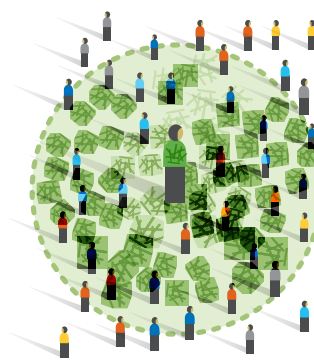


## Stop the Spread



Toxigenic *C. difficile* non-027 strains produce toxin and *C. difficile* spores

**Infection Control Risk**



Toxigenic *C. difficile* 027 strain produces higher volume of toxin and spores compared to a wild-type

**Higher Outbreak Risk**



## Workflow:

### 3 Easy Steps

1

Insert swab into Elution reagent vial and break at score



2

Vortex and dispense sample into Port S



3

Insert cartridge and start test



#### CATALOG INFORMATION

Xpert® <i>C. difficile</i> /Epi	10 tests	GXCDIFF/EPI-10
	120 tests	GXCDIFF/EPI-120

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