



Technical Bulletin

Clostridioides (Clostridium) difficile screening now available at Queen's Punchbowl and Queen's West Oahu laboratories

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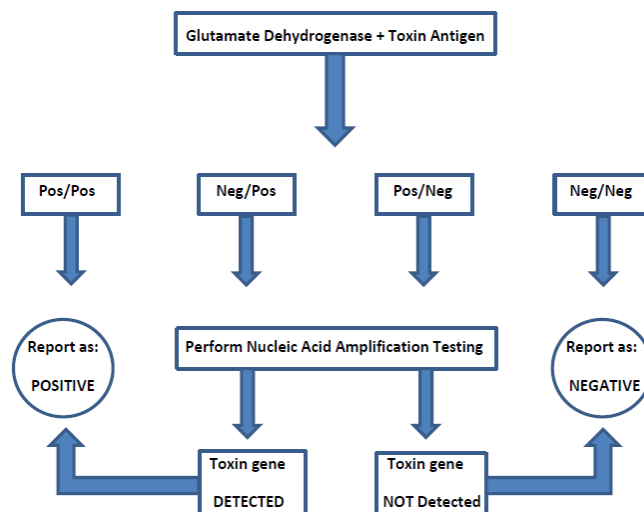
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SUBJECT: Screening test for *Clostridioides (Clostridium) difficile* now at Oahu hospital labs

Diagnostic Laboratory Systems, Inc. (DLS) is pleased to announce that the screening test for *Clostridioides (Clostridium) difficile* will now be performed closer to our hospital patients, which is expected to decrease turn-around-times, especially on nights and weekends. Both Queen's Punchbowl and Queen's West Oahu laboratories have established testing on site. There are no changes to order codes.

The screening test is a rapid membrane enzyme immunoassay for the simultaneous detection of *C. difficile* glutamate dehydrogenase antigen (GDH) and toxins A and B. Test results revealing +/- or -/+ for GDH/Toxin are indeterminant, a *C. difficile* real-time PCR assay is performed. The indeterminant rate for calendar year 2018 was only 15%.



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