

Meridian Bioscience says FDA clears bacterium test

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Meridian Bioscience Inc. said Tuesday that the Food and Drug Administration has given approval to market Meridian's test for *Clostridium difficile*.

Meridian, a medical test developer and maker, said it takes less than an hour to run the assay for illumigene *C. difficile*, a bacterium that can cause diarrhea and colitis.

C. difficile is associated with drug-resistant infections.

In afternoon trading, Meridian stock advanced \$1.45, or 8.3 percent, to \$18.97 on Tuesday.

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