

Question 34 – March 27

Infection with which of the bacteria listed below does NOT cause bloody diarrhea?

- A. *Yersinia enterocolitica*
- B. *Escherichia coli* O157:H7
- C. *Campylobacter jejuni*
- D. *Salmonella* species
- E. *Shigella* species

Answer: A

The most common causes of bloody diarrhea, in decreasing order of frequency, are *Escherichia coli* O157:H7, *Salmonella* species, *Campylobacter jejuni*, and *Shigella* species. While *Yersinia enterocolitica* can cause diarrhea, it does not cause a bloody diarrhea.

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