

***Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI)**

Clinical Pathway

Patient Name (last)	_____
(first)	_____
DOB (dd/mm/yyyy)	_____
PHN	_____ MRN _____
Account / Visit #	_____
IH USE ONLY	

Instructions for use: This pathway is for all patients presenting with diarrhea to Emergency Department **OR** admission to an Acute or Long-term Care facility.

Criteria for Suspected CDI: Patient has:

1. **3 or more loose stools** (type 6 or 7 on Bowel Record) within 24 hour period
 - a. **AND** stool output greater than baseline
 - b. **AND** no other clinical reason for diarrhea (e.g. laxatives, bowel prep, pre-existing condition)
- OR**
2. suspicion for fulminant colitis caused by CDI (hypotension, shock, ileus, toxic mega colon)

Suspected CDI:	
Initiate Contact Plus precautions and display sign #807914 and ensure Bowel Record #850619 is completed	
Place Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) outside of patient room (i.e. isolation cart & sporicidal wipes) and soiled laundry hamper inside patient room	
Send stool for CDI testing. (Record date stool sent for testing)	
CDI result: <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Negative	If negative, see diarrhea algorithm page 2.

Confirmed CDI:	
Treatment / Care	Print CDI Pre-Printed Order # 829517, place on patient chart and contact Most Responsible Physician to complete orders.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide patient with education and information sheet • Educate patient on washing hands before meals and after toileting • Bed bath or shower patient daily if possible • Change bed linens daily • If patient transport is necessary, notify receiving department(s) that Contact Plus precautions are required. • Remove PPE and perform hand hygiene (soap and water preferred) before leaving patient room
Accommodation	Patient moved to private room OR Infection Control Practitioner consulted. NOTE: <i>If private room unavailable provide dedicated commode to avoid sharing toilet.</i>
	Room decluttered and unnecessary supplies removed
Dedicated Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated mobile medical equipment provided <input type="checkbox"/> Not available
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated toilet and /or commode provided <input type="checkbox"/> Not available NOTE: <i>If dedicated equipment/toilet or commode not available these items must be cleaned and disinfected using sporicidal wipes after each contact with CDI patient</i>
Discontinuing Contact Plus Precautions: <i>NOTE: All actions must be completed as concurrently as possible when discontinuing contact plus precautions</i>	Formed stools, or return to baseline stool pattern for more than 72 hours. Contact Plus precautions discontinued
	Patient showered / bed bathed, dressed in clean gown, and placed in a clean room.
	Housekeeping notified to do isolation clean as per Clostridium-Difficile cleaning procedure NOTE: <i>Contact Plus precautions sign to remain in-place until cleaning completed.</i>
	Housekeeping completes isolation clean and removes Contact Plus precaution sign All medical equipment not appropriate for housekeeping to clean, must be cleaned by clinical staff or discarded.

Diarrhea Algorithm for Inpatients



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