## IPC Guidance: C. Difficile management

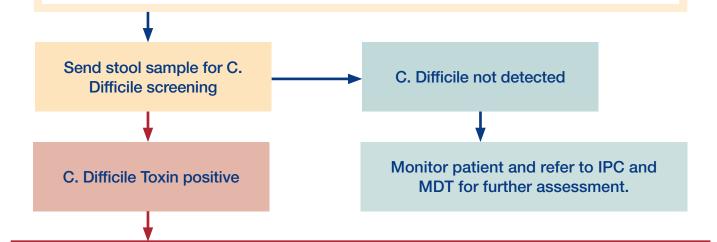
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Patient develops diarrhoea (3 or more episodes of type 5-7 stool / day)

- Clean and disinfect all equipment with chlorine based solution (Tristel solution)
- Inform the CNS-IPC of the suspected case of C. Difficile

## Assessment (Staff and IPC)Staff to inform family/relatives

- 1. History of onset
- 2. Stool characteristics i.e. consistency (refer to Bristol Stool Chart appendix 1)
- 3. Symptoms associated with diarrhoea i.e. pain, vomiting, fever
- 4. Current medication i.e. antibiotics, laxatives and proton pump inhibitors (PPI)



## ACTION PLAN:

- 1. Medical team to prescribe antibiotic treatment as indicated please refer to the Antimicrobial formulary (IPC guidance 37)
- 2. Isolation precaution\* (IPC to consider transmission risk)
- 3. Hand washing with soap and water 5 moments of HH must be strictly observed.
- 4. Cleaning and disinfection of environment and equipment using chlorine based solution (Tristel fuse).
- 5. Request for Chlorine based room cleaning to Domestic services for 14 days using the room cleaning request form (appendix 4)
- 6. Waste management dispose of offensive waste in the yellow tiger bags and tie at point of care to reduce cross infection.
- Laundry management place all soiled items in a red alginate bag and tie at point of care before putting it in the correct outer plastic laundry bag (BLUE or WHITE as per laundry management guidance 33)
- 8. IPC team and Ward Manager to complete post infection review (appendix 3) as a form of audit and record for the episode of C. Difficile infection.