

CDI Chart Review Tool

Clostridioides *difficile* Infection (CDI)

This CDI discovery tool is meant to help all healthcare organizations interested in reducing CDI by identifying a CDI process improvement project. This tool will help provide safer care by completing an assessment that identifies process improvement opportunities. Healthcare organizations (i.e., nursing homes, hospitals, and other long term support services) can use the results to develop strategies to address gaps and resource needs. Please complete this tool using patient/resident charts.

Process (Check boxes if yes)	Chart #1	Chart #2	Chart #3	Chart #4	Chart #5	Chart #6	Chart #7	Chart #8	Chart #9	Chart #10
Within 24 hours Prior To Stool Collection, The Patient/Resident										
Had 3 or more unexpected and unexplained unformed stools in 24 hours?										
Had NOT received a stool softener, laxative, or enema?										
Had NOT received lactulose, tube feedings or IV contrast?										
The Patient/Resident Had One of the Following										
Risk Factors for CDI (antibiotics in prior 3 months; seen or admitted to a healthcare facility within past 60 days, Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) at least 3 days per week in the week prior to the stool collection) > 65 years old, immunosuppressed?										
Additional symptoms of CDI: abdominal pain; elevated WBC; T >38C?										
Status										
The patient/resident had no history of a previous positive test or specimen tested in previous 7 days?										
Specimen Quality										
The stool specimen was watery unformed stool?										
Patient/Resident Isolation Precautions Per Policy										
Was placed in a private room (or cohorted appropriately), isolation precautions were continued at least 48 hours after diarrhea resolved, equipment was dedicated when possible (i.e. blood pressure cuffs, thermometers, etc.)?										
Patient/Resident Diagnosis										
Was CDI diagnosis confirmed? (Lab test positive)										
Was treatment initiated?										
If Any Areas Above Were Not Checked, There May Be A Process Improvement Opportunity										
Was the Patient/Resident hospitalized for <i>C diff</i> infection?										