

2016 *C. difficile* Top Ten Checklist

Process Change	In Place	Not Done	Will Adopt	Notes (Responsible and By When?)
Develop or enhance your antibiotic stewardship program to ensure optimal antibiotic prescribing and reduce overuse and misuse of antibiotics.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Evaluate the use of antibiotics by infection type and by unit to better understand where the opportunities for stewardship exist; be sure to include patients with urinary tract infections and lower respiratory infections.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Evaluate the use of antimicrobials among patients with <i>C. difficile</i> , and provide feedback to medical staff and facility leadership.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Develop processes to minimize testing of patients at low probability for <i>C. difficile</i> to minimize false positive polymerase chain reaction results for <i>C. difficile</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Establish a lab-based alert system to immediately notify the infection prevention team and providers of newly-identified patients with positive <i>C. difficile</i> lab results; ensure the system includes holiday and weekend notification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Remembering that <i>C. difficile</i> is a clinical diagnosis and not a lab diagnosis, develop processes where discussion occurs between physicians and other clinicians when a lab test for <i>C. difficile</i> is reported as positive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Establish cleaning protocols for a cleaning solution that is effective against <i>C. difficile</i> spores.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Utilize a monitoring system to evaluate and validate effective room cleaning, and provide feedback, reward and recognition to those responsible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Engage and educate patients, visitors, families and community partners (e.g. home care agencies, nursing homes), to prevent <i>C. difficile</i> across the continuum of care.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Establish and maintain an effective, creative, innovative and engaging hand hygiene program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	