

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT DISCOVERY TOOL

CLOSTRIDIoidES DIFFICILE INFECTION (CDI)

The Process Improvement Discovery Tool is meant to help hospitals provide safer patient care by completing an assessment to identify process improvement opportunities. Hospitals can use the results to develop specific strategies to address gaps and identify resource needs. Please complete the tool using patient charts that align with this specific topic.

Instructions:

1. If the answer to the question is 'Yes', mark an X in the box to indicate that the desired process was discovered. You may check more than one box per chart.
2. The processes that are not marked with an X may indicate the most common failures and could be a priority focus.
3. Put N/A if the process is not applicable.

Note: Do NOT spend more than 20-30 minutes per chart!

PROCESS	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #
Within 24 hours prior to stool collection, the patient:										
Had 3 or more unexpected and unexplained stools?										
Had NOT received a stool softener, laxative or enema?										
Had NOT received lactulose, tube feedings or IV contrast?										
The patient had one of the following:										
Risk Factors for CDI (antibiotics in prior 60 days; PPI at least 3 days per week in the week prior to the stool collection)?										
Symptoms of CDI: abdominal pain; elevated WBC; T >38C?										
Status:										
The patient had no history of a previously positive test										
Specimen quality:										
The stool specimen submitted was unformed stool										
Patient and Family Engagement (PFE)										
Is there documentation that the patient and/or family was engaged during shift change huddles and/or rounds regarding their risk for infection and/or signs and symptoms related to CDI?										