

C.DIFFICILE FLOWCHART

• For patients admitted with diarrhea•

Admission: All patients being admitted from other facilities with diarrhea, and other patients developing diarrhea within the first 48 hours after admission, will be placed in contact precautions. A stool specimen will be taken and send to the lab for *C.difficile* testing.

Positive versus negative: Patients with a positive *C.difficile* lab result will be monitored daily until diarrhea clears and the WBC count and body temperature return to normal. Contact isolation will be discontinued 24 hours after cessation of diarrhea or after 3 stool samples from 3 different days are tested for *C.difficile* and are all found to be negative.

Patient has diarrhea.
Diarrhea is defined as ≥ 1 watery stool in 24 hours or ≥ 3 loose stools in 24 hours.

