

Infection Prevention Control Tiered Management of *Clostridium difficile* Illness (CDI) in Acute Care CDI Tier 1: 1-2 cases above baseline for the unit with unknown link

Tier 1

NOTE: To be completed by Unit Manager or designate as gu	ided by IPC	
Required Notifications		
Site ICP		Unit Manager/Designate
□ Notify Unit Manager or designate		☐ Notify unit staff and implement Tier 1 measures
☐ Heads-up to IPC Medical Site Lead		
☐ Heads-up to IPC Director and Clinical Practice Lead		
Roles and Responsibilities Checklist		
Infection Control Professional (ICP)	Unit Manager/Designate	Staff Nursing
☐ Consult with Unit Manager, ES and nursing to review and ensure Tier 1 measures are implemented	☐ As much as possible, assign staff to CDI and non-CDI patients separately. Note: If not possible, staff should provide care to non-CDI patients first	☐ Monitor patients for new CDI cases
☐ Assist with appropriate patient placement and provide guidance on patient cohorting.	☐ Minimize patient transfers unless medically necessary	
Complete a chronological list of cases and consult with Clinical Coordinator or Director as needed	☐ Before a transfer : notify receiving healthcare facility, unit or department that patient is from a unit with a CDI cluster	Patient Education (Nursing)
	☐ Communicate with unit staff to monitor for symptomatic patients / new cases	☐ Inform patient should only leave room or bed space as a clean package: clean hands and clothing
	☐ Restrict isolated patients from nutrition centers	
	☐ Request unit staff to assist with communication and visitor training on proper hand hygiene and PPE use while on the unit	
	☐ Ensure CDI checklist is used for each query or confirmed CDI patient	
	☐ Ensure isolation orders entered for all query/confirmed cases	
	Discontinuation of Tier 1 Measures	
* Refer to patient specific CDI checklist for discontinuation of	of individual CDI precautions	
IPC will notify the Unit Manager when Tier 1 measures can	be discontinued. This recommendation will be based on tra	nsmission and symptomatic cases.
** This document is intended as a guide, specific control mea	sures may be added in each unique situation	
	Links to Reference Materials	
	IPC Resource Manual): http://www.albertahealthservices.ca	a/ipc/hi-ipc-resource-manual-main-document.pdf
CDI information handouts: http://www.albertahealthserv	vices.ca/info/Page9958.aspx	
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