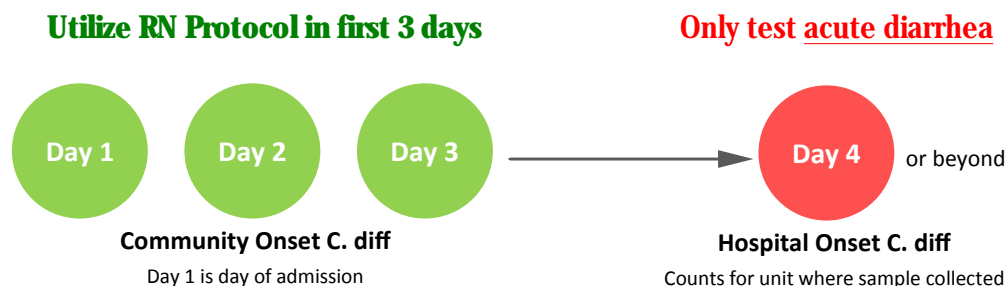
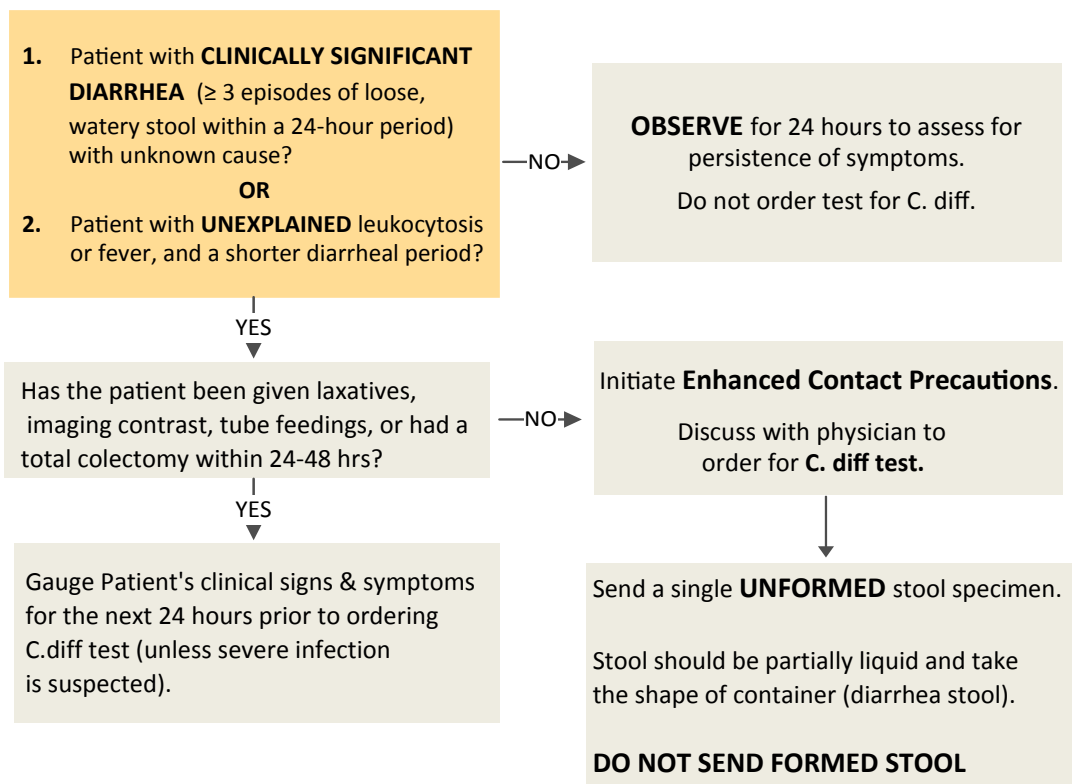


# C. diff Testing Guidance

## C. DIFF TESTING TIMELINE



## DIAGNOSTIC ALGORITHM FOR C. DIFF INFECTION



### IMPORTANT:

- Test **POA diarrhea** by Day 3, if C. diff suspected
- If order **pending > 24 hours** and no diarrhea, discuss **cancelling the order** with the physician
- **Do not re-test** for C.diff during same episode once C.diff is positive.
- Do not do multiple tests once C.diff is negative (increased chance of false positive). **Look for other causes** for diarrhea
- **Do not "test for cure"** or re-test to remove patient from isolation

***This guidance is not a substitute for clinical judgment. The suspicion of severe C. difficile associated colitis should prompt initiation of empiric therapy by the physician while stool is pending.***