Clostridium difficile (Cdiff) Test Ordering Algorithm

3 or more liquid stools within 24 hours

YES →

NO → **Do not test for Cdiff**

☐ No laxatives in the past 24 hours or, if on chronic laxatives, no recent or new increase in laxatives
☐ No initiation of tube feeds in the past 48 hours
☐ No Cdiff test sent in the past 7 days

YES to all →

NO to 1 or more criteria → **Do not test for Cdiff**

Test for Cdiff

Place patient on Contact Precautions

Negative Test → **Discontinue Contact Precautions**

Positive Test → **Provide patient education and document in Electronic Medical Records (EMR)**

No more diarrhea/liquid stools (or return to baseline) plus 7 days

YES → **Discontinue Contact Precautions**

NO → **Maintain Contact Precautions**

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