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Sent on behalf of Paul Suits, Director, Infection Prevention...

Practitioners will see (2) upcoming changes regarding *C. difficile* ordering. These changes will help support timely identification of *C. difficile* infections and reduce unnecessary testing.

Effective March 21, 2024:

- A new order **NUR 8004** *Initiate C. difficile admission testing protocol* will be in adult inpatient admission order sets, excluding behavioral health.
- A new Best Practice Alert (BPA) was added to the *C. difficile* PCR order.

For more information, please see the attached tip sheet and reference policy/procedure <u>IC D-03 Clostridioides</u> (Clostridium) difficile.

Best, Amy

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C. difficile Order Updates and BPAs



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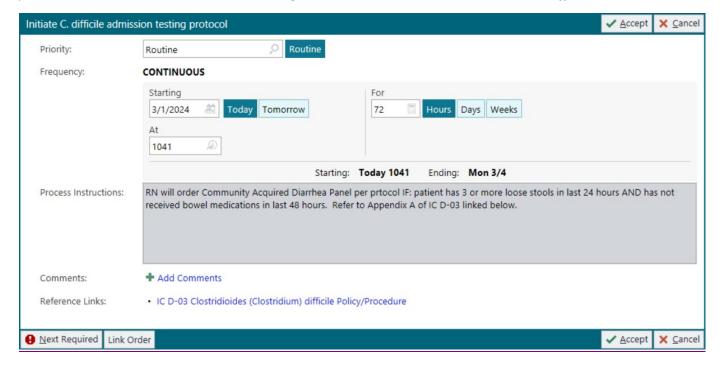
EPIC SYSTEM UPDATE

Overview of Feature / Changes

Effective March 21, 2024: A new order NUR8004 Initiate C. difficile admission testing protocol was created and is in Adult Admission order sets excluding Behavior Health areas. Updates were also made to the C. difficile PCR order and a new BPA has been created based on Policy IC D-03 Clostridioides (Clostridium) difficile Policy/Procedure. These changes will help detect community-acquired C. difficile infections earlier to avoid incorrect reporting of hospital-acquired infections while reducing unnecessary testing, and unnecessary antibiotic usage and support appropriate treatment decisions.

New Order

NUR8004 *Initiate C. difficile admission testing protocol* will direct the RN to complete the new C. difficile admission testing assessment and order a Community Acquired Diarrhea Panel should testing be indicated. *This order will be placed in Adult Admission order sets (excluding Behavioral Health Areas) or used as a one-off order.*



<u>Updated Order</u>

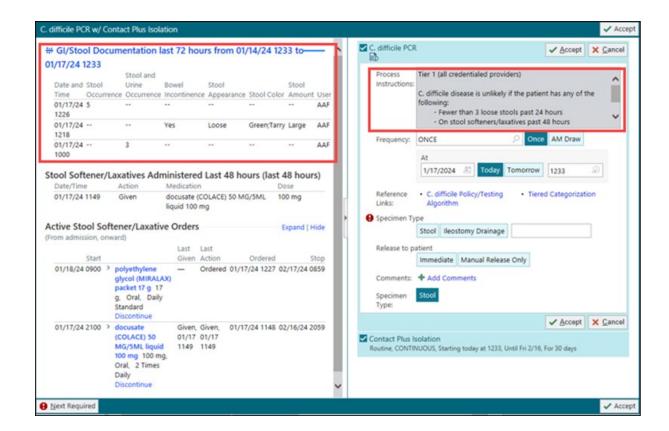
When placing the **C. difficile PCR** order, the order will display relevant GI/Stool documentation, stool softener/laxative medication administrations, and any existing lab results for C. difficile. This information supports decision-making based on the updated guidelines and assists in addressing questions in the order.

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New BPA's

When signing the **C.** difficile **PCR** order, a new **Best Practice Advisory** may be displayed to ensure appropriate decision-making during the ordering process. The *default action* will be to **Remove** the C. difficile PCR order from being signed, but you may choose to **Keep** it and select an appropriate reason testing is being performed.

