C. Difficile test is ordered

Patient is placed on

Contact Precautions

If patient is (+) for C. diff toxin by <u>PCR</u> [First test result], but (-) for C. diff toxin by <u>antigen</u> [Second test result]

An alternative diagnosis for the diarrheal symptoms is documented by the patient's provider

Continue Contact Isolation The patient returns to his/her normal stooling pattern for minimum of 48 hours.

Discharge or transfer from room so that all surfaces in room may be cleaned thoroughly:

- Patient must be bathed,
- Place pt. in a clean gown,
- Place pt. in a clean bed

Discontinue Contact Isolation If patient is (+) for C. diff toxin by <u>PCR</u> [First test result], and (+) for C. diff toxin by <u>antigen</u> [Second test result]

The patient returns to his/her normal stooling pattern for minimum of 48 hours.

Patient is off of C. difficile specific treatment

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Discontinue Contact Isolation