

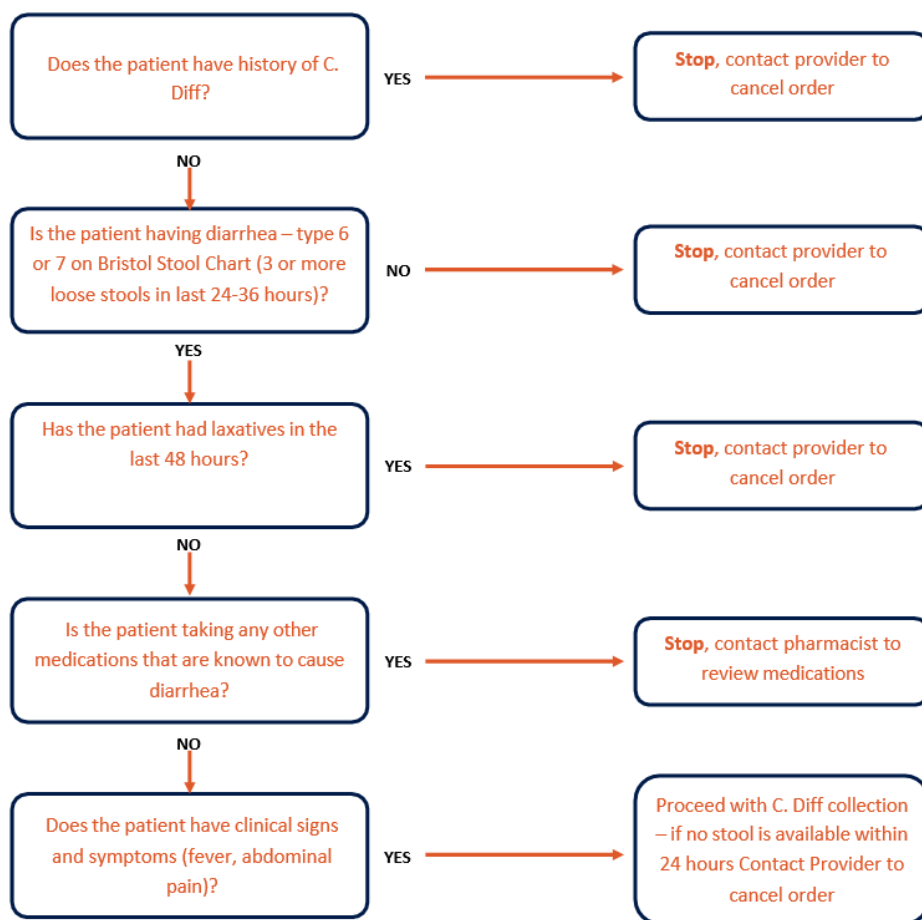
Education Update:










C-Diff Standing Orders and Flow Chart Reminders

- Many PowerPlans have standing orders for C Difficile testing for those who meet the below criteria (see the C. Diff flow chart below):
 - Patient is at least 18 years old
 - Patient has not received laxatives, bowel prep, or tube feedings in the last 48 hours
 - Patient has had 3 or more loose (Bristol Score 6 or 7) stools in the last 24 hours
 - Stool Specimen must be liquid and assume the shape of the container (Bristol Score 6 or 7)-see the Bristol Stool Chart below
- This standing order is only good for Days 1-3 of the admission. **After admission day 3, an order must be placed by the provider for C-Diff testing.**

C.diff Flow Chart



Bristol Stool Chart

Type 1		Separate hard lumps, like nuts (hard to pass)
Type 2		Sausage-shaped but lumpy
Type 3		Like a sausage but with cracks on its surface
Type 4		Like a sausage or snake, smooth and soft
Type 5		Soft blobs with clear-cut edges (passed easily)
Type 6		Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool
Type 7		Water, no solid pieces Entirely liquid