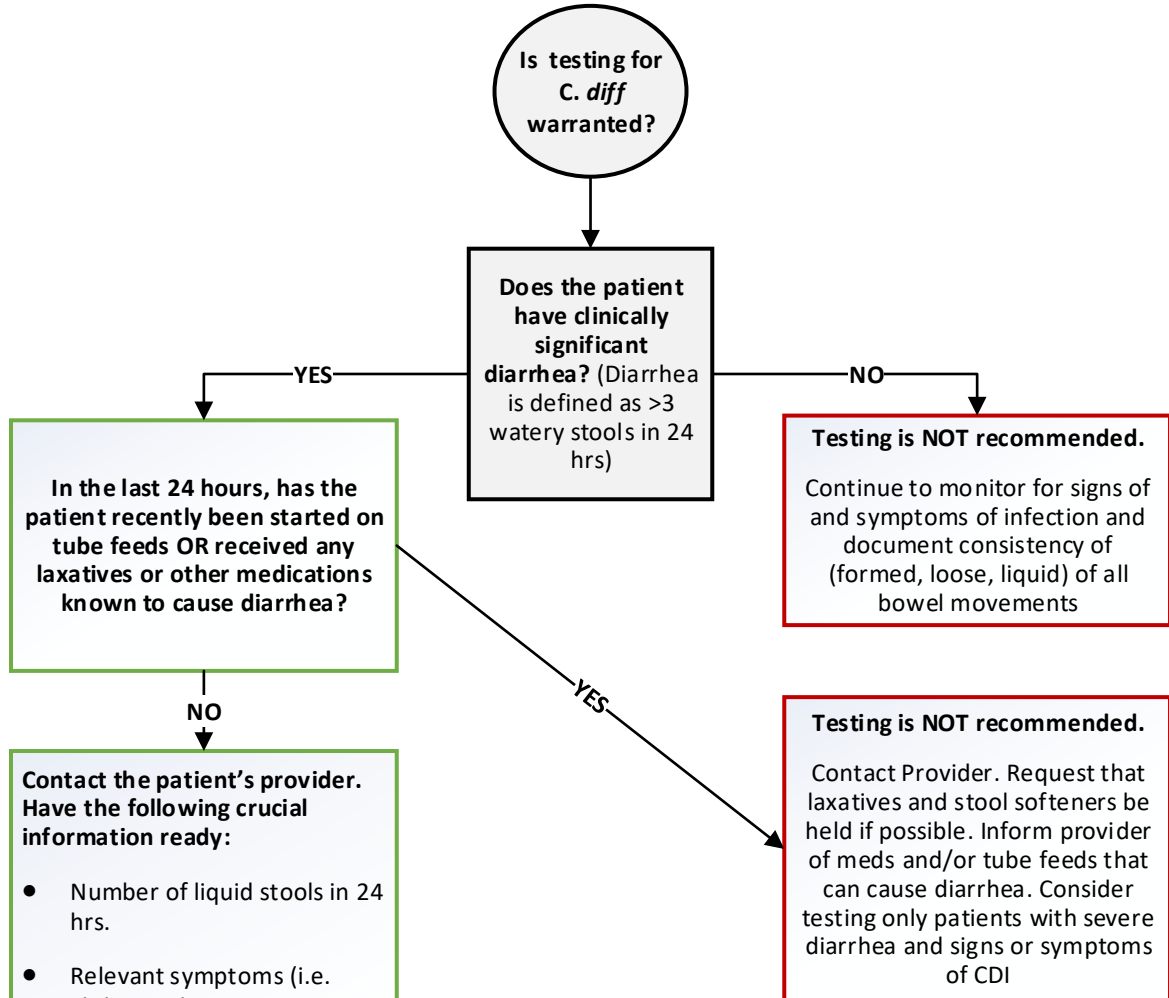










## Nursing Flowchart for Appropriate *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Testing

Testing should be correlated with the clinical condition of the patient as test can detect *C. difficile* infection OR colonization



### Stool Descriptions

FORMED (hard and soft)	Hard, individual lumps, balls	
	Formed like a sausage with attached lumps	
	Sausage or log shaped, may have cracks or be smooth	
LOOSE	Soft small balls with clear edges – not well defined	
	Fluffy and mushy	
LIQUID	Liquid with no solid pieces	

#### Medications/Therapy that Can Cause Diarrhea Include:

- Laxatives (Examples: Lactulose, bisacodyl, mag citrate, docusate, Go-Lytely, senna, Polyethylene glycol & sorbitol)
- Enemas
- Tube Feeds
- Other Medication Examples such as Kayexalate, Colchicine, Octreotide, Metformin and other diabetic medications, Antibiotics, Antineoplastics, Magnesium-containing Antacids