

# C. difficile Associated Disease (CDAD) Outbreak Management Checklist

**This checklist outlines the basic steps to be followed when managing a CDAD outbreak. It is expected that hospitals and Public Health will work collaboratively towards successfully managing a CDAD outbreak.**

1. ASSESSMENT	COMPLETED	
	YES	NO
When an increased number of cases of CDAD are identified in the facility the ICP should complete the following:		
• Data on all line listed patients reviewed based on the PIDAC surveillance definition.		
• All patients with symptoms of diarrhea <sup>1</sup> line listed.		
• Available laboratory results included on line listed patients.		
• Appropriate infection prevention and control (IPAC) measures are implemented.		
• Does a possible outbreak or cluster exist?		
• Senior Management Team notified.		
• Liaise with local PHU to discuss findings.		
2. INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES <sup>2</sup>	YES	NO
Contact Precautions initiated for all patients with diarrhea as soon as symptoms identified:		
• Appropriate PPE available (gown, gloves, hand hygiene with either alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water).		
• Hand Hygiene practice reinforced.		
Dedicated equipment provided for all affected patients or cleaning protocols in place for equipment that must be shared.		
Education provided and reinforced for staff, patients and visitors.		
Environmental cleaning protocols reviewed with housekeeping.		
3. CONSULT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT	YES	NO
Local MOH/designate notified and line list provided.		
Outbreak number obtained if outbreak identified.		
Contact information for hospital ICP and PH assigned staff responsible for outbreak exchanged.		
4. OUTBREAK DECLARED	YES	NO
Outbreak Management Team (OMT) established.		
Outbreak declared in consultation with local MOH.		

1. For the definition of diarrhea, please refer to the "Best Practices Document for the Management of *Clostridium difficile* in all health care settings," Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, revised November 2007.

	COMPLETED	
	YES	NO
<b>5. OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT TEAM</b>		
Initial meeting held with representatives from hospital IPAC program, local PHU, and appropriate hospital departments including Senior Administration.		
Roles and responsibilities, including communication channels, defined.		
Communication to hospital departments and stakeholders, including other health care facilities, RICNs, LHINs, developed and sent.		
Line listing and IPAC measures reviewed.		
Use of PIDAC case definition for outbreaks confirmed.		
Any necessary additional measures identified.		
<b>6. ONGOING OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT</b>	YES	NO
OMT meets regularly throughout outbreak.		
Line list reviewed with public health daily.		
Additional IPAC measures and communication implemented as needed.		
<b>7. DECLARE OUTBREAK OVER</b>	YES	NO
Declaration that outbreak is over made in consultation with Public Health and hospital based on:		
• IPAC measures to prevent transmission are sustained.		
• Number of cases decreased to baseline.		
<b>8. REVIEW OF OUTBREAK</b>	YES	NO
Debrief conducted by OMT to review the outbreak and prepare a joint report.		
Report prepared on outbreak, including lessons learned and recommendations to prevent future outbreaks, distributed to Senior Management Team.		

2. Implement measures as outlined in "Best Practices Document for the Management of *Clostridium difficile* in all health care settings," Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, revised November 2007, accessible at: [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/infectious/diseases/best\\_prac/bp\\_cdifff.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/infectious/diseases/best_prac/bp_cdifff.pdf)