

# **Is Your Patient Having Multiple Loose Stools?**

## **EARLY DETECTION IS KEY**

- Has your patient been admitted for ≤ 3 days?
  - Has diarrhea been reported or documented?
  - Does your patient have ANY CDIFF risk factors?
    - Recent ABX incl outpt (within past 30 days)
    - Recent hospitalization (within past 30 days)
    - > 3 liquid BM's within the past 24 h w/o provocation (laxatives, diarrhea inducing meds)
  - If YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE....PLEASE TEST FOR CDIFF before end of calendar day!  
(don't forget to isolate)
  - If no further diarrhea to test within 24 hours or prior to 0000 on Hospital Day #4, please d/c test and reassess as necessary
- \*\*C. difficile testing is NOT recommended in patients hospitalized >3 days that are receiving diarrhea-inducing medications or having <3 BM's per day.**
- \*\*Repeat testing for C. difficile in a patient on treatment ("test of cure") is NOT recommended per National guidelines. Repeat testing should NOT be used to remove C. difficile positive patients from isolation.**