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Suspected GI/Norovirus Like Illness (NLI) Outbreak in Acute Care

NLI-AC-1
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Most Responsible Nurse

Does my patient have;

New or sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhea not explained by other causes, e.g. drug therapy with GI side effects, laxatives or constipation

YES

Droplet Precautions

Advise your Charge Nurse

Confine ill patients to their rooms on Droplet Precautions & assess roommates for exposure

Notify your ICP and Charge Nurse

NO

They do not meet the definition for possible GI/Norwalk Like Illness

Notify your ICP

Charge Nurse or Clinical Coordinator

Are you aware of **≥2 patients** with GI/Norwalk Like Illness symptoms (see case definition above)

Occurring within 4 days, who are epidemiologically linked (e.g. room/floor/common area staff)

YES

Confine **ALL** ill patients and roommates in multibed rooms to their rooms on Droplet Precautions

Collect a stool or emesis specimen in a dry C&S container
Obtain order from MRP
Post precaution signs

Inform housekeeping of the need for **Precaution plus cleaning for affected rooms, common areas and shared fridges.**
ICP will send a Housekeeping requisition Mon-Fri

Complete the GI/NLI Tracking list and send to your ICP daily

Refer symptomatic staff to:

Workplace Health Call Centre Tel: (1.888.967.5377)

If during working hours, notify:
- Infection Prevention & Control (Island Health staff)

If after hours, notify:
- Clinical Coordinator of Operations/Utilization manager, or in their absence,, Site Admin On-Call (Island Health staff)
- Message for IPC Practitioner (Island Health staff)
- Medical Microbiologist/IPAC Consultant On-Call (Island Health)

NO

Continue to be vigilant