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CDAD Stool Collection Algorithm

IPAC

Should I send a specimen for C.difficile?

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Does the patient meet the criteria?

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Acute onset of diarrhea
(3 or more liquid stools within a 24 hour period)
without another cause

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Is it **Day 2** of diarrhea?

YES ← → NO

YES branch:
Collect and send sample for C. Difficile

NO branch:
Do not collect sample for C. Difficile