

Diarrhea Decision Tree



DIARRHEA = ≥ 3 loose stools in ≤ 24 hours due to suspected infectious diarrhea and/or different from patient's baseline stool function

Resources:

To obtain testing approval for testing a patient <12 months of age:

- Pediatric ID Pager: 415-443 2384

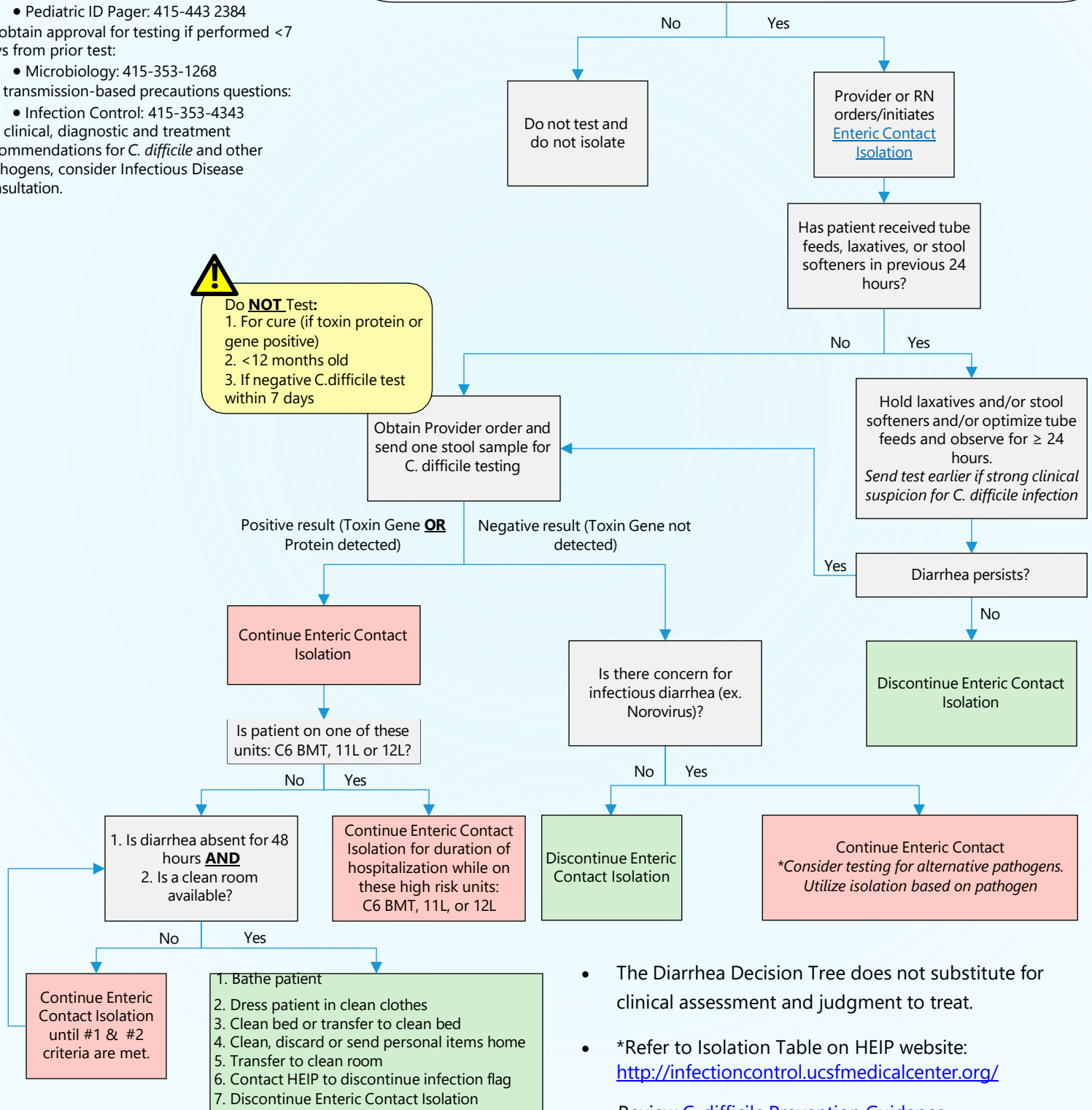
To obtain approval for testing if performed <7 days from prior test:

- Microbiology: 415-353-1268

For transmission-based precautions questions:

- Infection Control: 415-353-4343

For clinical, diagnostic and treatment recommendations for *C. difficile* and other pathogens, consider Infectious Disease consultation.



- The Diarrhea Decision Tree does not substitute for clinical assessment and judgment to treat.
- *Refer to Isolation Table on HEIP website: <http://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/>
- Review [C. difficile Prevention Guidance](#) for more detailed information