



# *C. difficile* Myth #2

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**MYTH:** One loose stool constitutes diarrhea

**FACT:** Diarrhea is defined as  $\geq 3$  loose stools in  $\leq 24$  hours

Send a *C. difficile* test only if stool meets criteria:

1. Consistency (Loose)
2. Frequency ( $\geq 3$ )
3. Time period ( $\leq 24$  hours)

Hospital Onset Case Rate FY2016 TD through October: 11.20/10,000 patient days

IAP Goal FY2016: Reduce hospital onset *C. difficile* rate to 11.1 cases / 10,000 patient days.