**General Testing Recommendations**

- Test diarrheal (ie, unformed) stool (≥3 loose stools within 24 hours).
- Nondiarrheal stool should only be tested in patients with suspected ileus due to *C. difficile*.
- Repeat testing and test of cure are discouraged.

**SYMPTOMATIC PATIENT WITH HIGH PRETEST PROBABILITY OF CDI**

ORDER

*Clostridium difficile* toxin B gene (*tcdB*) by PCR (nucleic acid amplification test)*a*

**ASYMPTOMATIC PATIENT AT HIGH RISK FOR CDI**

ORDER

Stool toxin EIA

*Clostridium difficile* toxin B gene (*tcdB*) by PCR* or Glutamate Dehydrogenase

Not detected

- *C. difficile* infection unlikely

Detected

- *C. difficile* infection likely

*a NAAT can also be used to confirm equivocal results of stool toxin or GDH tests

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**References**
