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and person-to-person contact Hand hygiene, particularly before and after contact with wounds or medical devices, and rigorous cleaning of healthcare settings Treatment decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis. May be resistant to most antibiotics. Burkholderia cepacia complex poses a minimal medical risk to healthy individuals Clostridium sordellii [66] [67] Soil Joints, blood, peritoneum, endocardium, lungs, and muscle tissue Women are at the highest risk of infection following the end of pregnancy Currently unknown Antibiotic prophylaxis before medical abortion is the only known



# ☰ Research Assistant

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[CONTEXT] Token 0: "Patients developing diarrhea while receiving treatment with antibiotics shoul..."

Importance: 0.0000

Per-Strategy Details:

- leave\_one\_out:
  - Importance (raw): 0.0000
  - Similarity: 1.0000
  - NLI: ENTAILMENT (ent: 0.997) - Can explain: ✓
- random\_noise:
  - Importance (raw): 0.0000
  - Similarity: 1.0000
  - NLI: ENTAILMENT (ent: 0.988) - Can explain: ✓

[CONTEXT] Token 2: "Colonic flora is changed when receiving treatment with antibiotics, making it..."

Importance: 0.0000

Per-Strategy Details:

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  - Similarity: 1.0000
  - NLI: ENTAILMENT (ent: 0.995) - Can explain: ✓
- random\_noise:
  - Importance (raw): 0.0000
  - Similarity: 1.0000
  - NLI: ENTAILMENT (ent: 0.981) - Can explain: ✓

[CONTEXT] Token 4: "Diagnostics and treatment focused on Clostridium difficile, electrolyte, and ..."

Importance: 0.0000

Per-Strategy Details:

- leave\_one\_out:
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  - Similarity: 1.0000
  - NLI: ENTAILMENT (ent: 0.996) - Can explain: ✓
- random\_noise:
  - Importance (raw): 0.0000
  - Similarity: 1.0000
  - NLI: ENTAILMENT (ent: 0.982) - Can explain: ✓

[CONTEXT] Token 6: "Counseling and careful monitoring are necessary during pregnancy, as clinical..."

Importance: 0.0000

Per-Strategy Details:

- leave\_one\_out:
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  - Similarity: 1.0000
  - NLI: ENTAILMENT (ent: 0.993) - Can explain: ✓
- random\_noise:
  - Importance (raw): 0.0000
  - Similarity: 1.0000
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[CONTEXT] Token 8: "the spread of hospital-acquired infections such as Clostridium difficile and ..."

Importance: 0.0000

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  - Similarity: 1.0000
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- random\_noise:
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[CONTEXT] Token 9: "[16] Thus, by following these methods and being knowledgeable about eliminati..."

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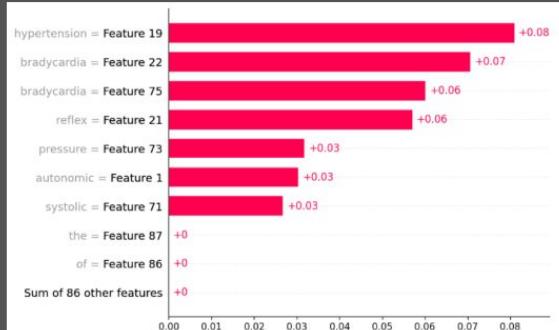
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uncoordinated **autonomic** response triggered by an offending stimulus , most commonly bladder or bowel distension , which causes subsequent **hypertension** and **reflex bradycardia** and can occur during the filling cystometry of urodynamics and necessitates urgent recognition with immediate management . patients most commonly describing headache , discomfort , nausea , anxiety , blurred vision , and pain . [ 58 ] [ 61 ] physical examination may reveal a significantly elevated **systolic** blood **pressure** , **bradycardia** , spasticity , flushing , or sweating above the level of the lesion and piloerection below the level of

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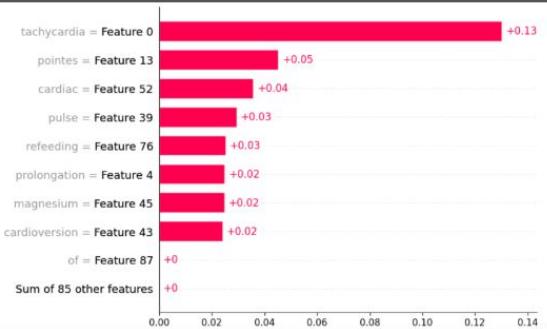
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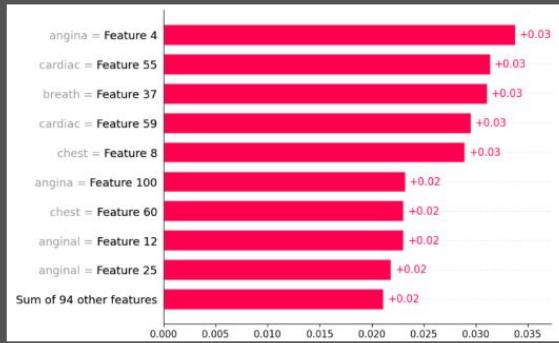
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previously mentioned , typical **angina** usually presents as **chest** discomfort or an **anginal** equivalent provoked by exertion and alleviated at rest or with **nitroglycerin** . **anginal** equivalents vary , but they are commonly described as shortness of **breath** , nausea , or fatigue disproportionate to the activity level . it is important to distinguish between **cardiac** and non - **cardiac** **chest** discomfort . discussing the details of the patient ' s symptoms further guide this differentiation . relevant details include the pain ' s quality , location , influencing factors , timing , and duration . [ 9 ] typical **angina** is often



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and **bradycardia** may occur but can be treated with **aminophylline** . pacing stress **echocardiography** : wenckebach ' s second - degree **heart** block may occur , requiring atropine administration . [ 22 ] clinical significance in terms of clinical significance and diagnostic accuracy , stress **echocardiography** has an advantage in terms of specificity over standard **exercise electrocardiography** . when compared to nuclear perfusion imaging studies , stress **echocardiography** has similar accuracy , with a moderate sensitivity gap that is well balanced by a higher specificity . both **dipyridamole** and dobutamine have overall



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**KG Evidence Chain:**

Clostridium difficile infection --[presents as]--> Diarrhea

**Model Reasoning (KG Paragraph):**

Clostridium difficile infection, often abbreviated as CDI, is a bacterial infection caused by the overgrowth of the bacterium Clostridium difficile in the colon. This overgrowth frequently leads to inflammation and disruption of the normal gut flora, which is a primary driver of the condition. A hallmark symptom of CDI is diarrhea, resulting from the bacteria's production of toxins that irritate the intestinal lining and stimulate fluid secretion.

**Primary Path**

1 Chunks used

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Influential Edge

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Influential Subpath

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Evidence Chunks (Text)

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**Primary**

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support: chunk-1-1

rationale: Document chunk-1-1 directly states that antibiotic use is a cause of Clostridium difficile infection.

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### Reasoning steps:

step 1: The document states that patients developing diarrhea while receiving antibiotics should be assessed for Clostridium difficile infection.

quote: Patients developing diarrhea while receiving treatment with antibiotics should be assessed for Clostridium difficile infection.

step 2: Another document indicates that changes in colonic flora due to antibiotic use makes patients susceptible to Clostridium difficile infection.

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rationale: This quote from chunk-1-1 explains the mechanism by which antibiotics lead to Clostridium difficile infection.

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evidence: diets with higher lactose intake  
support: chunk-1-3

rationale: This excerpt from chunk-1-3 highlights the role of dietary factors, specifically lactose, in promoting Clostridium difficile infection.

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step 3: A third document suggests that lactose-rich diets can lead to overgrowth of enterococci, which is associated with Clostridium difficile infection.

quote: Interestingly, the predominance of enterococci over regular clostridia species in the gut of patients with GVHD was associated with diets with higher lactose intake.

### Evaluation Metrics

📊 Explanation Quality (NLI):

- NLI Score (Max): 0.9794
- Can Derive Answer: ✓ Yes
- Overall Label: entailment
- Avg Entailment: 0.6426
- Max Entailment: 0.9794
- Avg Neutral: 0.2355
- Avg Contradiction: 0.1220
- Per-Evidence Scores:

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[1] ENTAILMENT (ent: 0.940)

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[2] NEUTRAL (ent: 0.009)

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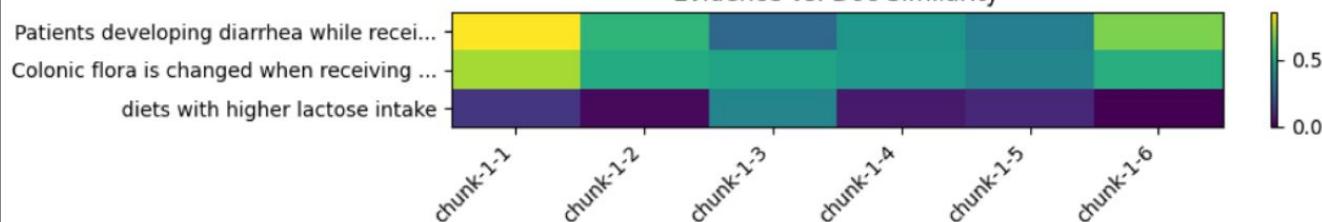
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oritavancin[66] most recently, tedizolid was shown to be efficacious, but robust clinical data is still lacking.[66] tigecycline is the last salvage treatment for vre. there have been several studies comparing linezolid and daptomycin for vre bacteremia and endocarditis, with mixed results. however, linezolid and high-dose daptomycin are both equally more effective than low-dose daptomycin.[67][68] newer therapies commensal probiotic cocktails are suggested to prevent and reverse gut colonization with vre. they mainly contain four species; clostridium bolteae, parabacteroides distasonis,

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Explanation: Clostridium difficile causes acute colitis with bloody diarrhea and pseudomembranous colitis. A common cause of nosocomial diarrhea. The disease follows the use of broad-spectrum antibiotics to which it is resistant. Exotoxin A and B involved in the pathogenesis. An opportunistic organism that causes disease only when the normal mechanism is altered. Reference: Textbook of Microbiology; Anathanarayan and Paniker's; 10th edition; Page no: 270

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A patient in ICU developed stress related mucosal damage. MOST common site of stress ulcer is:

- A: Ileum
- B: Stomach
- C: Duodenum
- D: Esophagus

Explanation: Stress-Related Mucosal Damage (SRMD): SRMD, also referred to as stress ulcers or stress-related erosive syndrome (SRES), is the result of multiple-organ-system failure in the critically ill patient. SRMD lesions are characterized by multiple, deeper, acute ulcerations, predominantly in the gastric lesser curvature or fundus, and these lesions can erode into the submucosa, causing massive hemorrhage. Ref: Subramanian R., McCashland T. (2005). Chapter 82. Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage. In J.B. Hall, G.A. Schmidt, L.D. Wood (Eds), Principles of Critical Care, 3e.

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Diabetic gangrene is due to -

- A: Ischemia
- B: Increased blood glucose
- C: Altered defense by host and neuropathy
- D: All of the above

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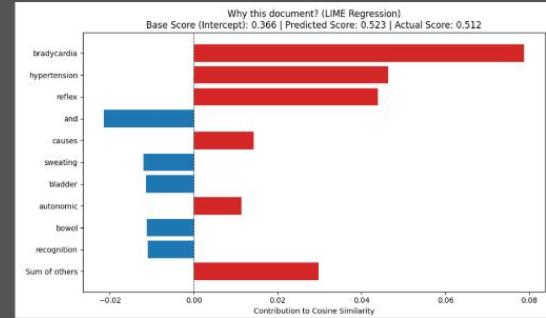
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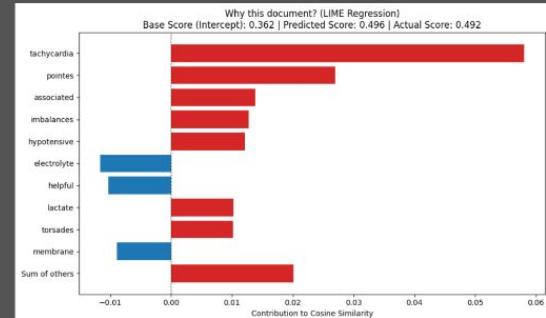


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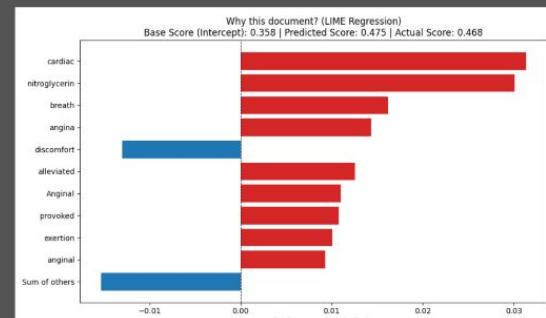


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and bradycardia may occur but can be treated with aminophylline. Pacing stress echocardiography; Wenckebach's second-degree heart block may occur, requiring atropine administration. [22] Clinical Significance In terms of clinical significance and diagnostic accuracy, stress echocardiography has an advantage in terms of specificity over standard exercise electrocardiography. When compared to nuclear perfusion imaging studies, stress echocardiography has similar accuracy, with a moderate sensitivity gap that is well balanced by a higher specificity. Both dipyridamole and dobutamine have overall

