

Prescriber Documentation Requirements for Patients with *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI)

1. Policy Purpose

To improve treatment of *Clostridium difficile* Infection by requiring that Prescribers document deviations from the *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Guidelines (the “Guidelines”).

2. Policy Statement

Prescribers need to document in the patient record the rationale to justify deviation from the approved CDI Guidelines for isolation, monitoring and treatment.

3. Policy Scope

All VCH–PHC Prescribers and VCH–PHC regional acute care and residential facilities.

4. Policy Principles

To ensure consistent care, and management of patients with known or suspected CDI using most recent evidence based practice Guidelines.

5. Procedures

Deviation from the Guidelines requires documentation in the patient/client health care record.

6. Exceptions

None

7. Tools, Forms and References

[Clostridium difficile Infection \(CDI\) Guidelines](#)

8. Related Policies

None

9. Definitions

“**Prescriber**” means VCH physicians and nurse practitioners.

“**PHC**” means Providence Health Care Society.

“**VCH**” means Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

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10. References

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