

# 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

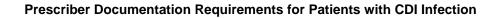
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"PHC" means Providence Health Care Society.

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