Clinical Practice Guidelines: Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI) (1/2)

Assess Severity of CDI (peritonitis or multi-system organ failure) 1C

Diagnosis should include lab + stool testing. Two-step tests increase accuracy. 1A Endoscopy to assess extent/severity is not recommended 1C



Radiology evaluation has limited utility. 2C

Infection Control Measures should be implemented 1B



Evidence-based Antibiotic Stewardship can decrease CDI rates. 1B







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Clinical Practice Guidelines: Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI) (2/2)

Oral vancomycin or fidaxomicin is first-line treatment. *Metronidazole is no longer appropriate*. 1A



Probiotics may be useful in preventing (but not treating)

CDI. 2A

Surgery reserved for colonic perforation or severe colitis not responsive to medical Tx

Subtotal colectomy + ileostomy is the procedure of choice 1C, though loop ileostomy and antegrade lavage may be an alternative. 2C Refractory cases treated by: prolonged vancomycin <u>+</u> bezlotoxumab or fidaxomicin or consider fecal transplant if other means fail 1B

DISEASES



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