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C. difficile GDH/Toxin Antigen testing reporting frequency change (Royal Oak only)

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In support of diagnostic stewardship, reporting of *C. difficile* GDH/Toxin Antigen results for both inpatient and outpatient testing at the Royal Oak campus will be consolidated to a *once-daily* schedule. This policy also applies to all East outreach testing. Additionally, retesting of the same patient will remain limited to once every 7 days according to the following schedule:

Policy	Testing Location	Reporting Schedule	Retesting Limitation
C. difficile GDH/Toxin Antigen results reporting	Royal Oak campus (inpatient and outpatient), East outreach	Once daily	Once every 7 days for same patient

This change will allow physician-driven diagnostic stewardship interventions to reduce inappropriate testing. Inappropriate testing for *C. difficile* includes testing of formed stool samples, repeat testing, and testing of patients with alternative explanations for diarrhea. This commonly leads to increased rates of hospital-acquired infections, inappropriate treatment, and unnecessary isolation, negatively impacting patient care.

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