

**ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT ORGANISM (ARO)/*Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*)
MULTI-DIRECTIONAL COMMUNICATION FORM FOR
Hospital – Community – CCAC – Long-Term Care**

- **Purpose:** To communicate information about a patient/resident/clients' Antibiotic Resistant Organism (ARO) or *Clostridium difficile* status between health care sectors.
- **Confidentiality:** This document and information is considered a confidential part of the health care record.
- **Please fax/send this form prior to all patient/resident/client transfers whenever possible.**
- **Send copy of form during patient/resident/client transfers.**

Patient/Resident/Client Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Name of Person completing form: _____ Designation: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Contact Telephone: (____) _____
 Agency: _____ Date: _____
 Family Physician: _____ Faxed/sent to Family Physician Date: _____

NB: This patient/resident/client is:

- MRSA Colonized:** Sites: wound nares sputum rectum peri-anal urine other
 MRSA Infected: Sites: wound sputum urine blood other
 VRE Colonized **VRE Infected** wound blood other
 C. difficile Symptomatic

OTHER (e.g., ESBL)

- Infected with:** _____ **Colonized with:** _____

Date of initial positive result: _____

Last Specimen - Date	Site(s)	Result

Additional Information:

Information given to Family

**Follow institutional policy based on BEST PRACTICES
The Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) www.pidac.ca recommendations:**

AROs	<i>C.difficile</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine decolonization is NOT recommended. • Decolonization during hospital stay will not continue after discharge, except in rare specific cases (as per a MH LHIN-wide agreement between the Hospital Infectious Disease Physicians and CW LHIN hospitals practice) • Contact precautions — gloves and gown for direct care¹ is recommended • Dedicate equipment or clean and disinfect multi-use equipment after each use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact precautions (gloves and gown) recommended for direct care¹ until asymptomatic². • Dedicate equipment or clean and disinfect multi-use equipment after each use <p>¹<i>Direct care:</i> Providing hands-on care (e.g., bathing, washing, turning patient/client/resident, changing clothes/briefs, dressing changes, care of open wounds/lesions, toileting)</p> <p>²<i>Asymptomatic:</i> At least 48 hours without symptoms of diarrhoea (e.g., formed or normal stool for the individual)</p>

**Contact the Infection Control Professional in your organization for assistance or
for further information regarding best practices contact your local Infection Control Network www.ricn.on.ca**



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