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on-site Matron/on-call Matron.

hospital based on risk assessment.



Appendix 1 - 4 hours to isolation algorithm

Patient with unexpected/unexplained diarrhoea (Types 5-7) and/or vomiting. Arrange for transfer to isolation room within **4 hours** of onset of symptoms After first episode, nurse responsible for patient MUST: Report symptoms to nurse in charge (NIC) Contact the Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPCT) Arrange for transfer to isolation room within 4 hours of onset of symptoms Identify isolation room on own ward o If unable, contact Site Management Team (SMT) immediately Commence stool chart Complete rapid D&V risk assessment Send stool sample to microbiology laboratory for relevant investigation (as per Pathway identified on rapid D&V risk assessment Inform medical staff Ensure medication chart/s reviewed with regard to antimicrobials and aperients If no bed available within own ward by 2 hours, SMT to escalate to Assess possibility of transfer to isolation room elsewhere in the Medical staff to review patient within 4 hours If no bed available within 3.5 hours, on-site Matron/on-call Matron to escalate to DDN or Executive on-call, respectively. If C difficile associated diarrhoea is suspected, follow relevant Trust protocol.

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If unable to isolate by 4 hours, ward staff to complete incident form (DATIX) and continue to work with SMT

to isolate patient



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