

Management of Residents with Suspected Enteric Infections

ASSESSMENT OF DIARRHEA

- D** – Diet: N/G feedings, G-tube feeding, high fiber, puree?
- I** – Incidence: New? Sudden? Frequency? Onset?
- A** – Assess Medications: Antibiotics or Laxative use?
- R** – Risk factors: Age, Oral intake, hospitalizations?
- R** – Risk to other resident/staff, diarrhea contained?
- H** – History: GI problems, Colitis, Crohns, Surgery- Iliostomy
- E** – Environment: Where did they eat? What did they eat?
- A** – Assess any ill contact, assess if others are ill with diarrhea

NON infectious

ALL Diarrhea = Contact Precautions until diarrhea diagnosed

Suspected Infectious Diarrhea

** Place symptomatic residents in routine practices and Contact Precautions

Notification

Charge Nurse, Supervisor, and ICP

Specimen Collection

Send specimen as per medical direction

Communication

Placement of Signage at room entrances

Visitors and Families

Instructed on hand hygiene
Use and disposal of PPE

Cleaning and Disinfection

Increase cleaning of high touch areas and shared equipment

Documentation

Line lists symptomatic residents
Client record as per facility policy