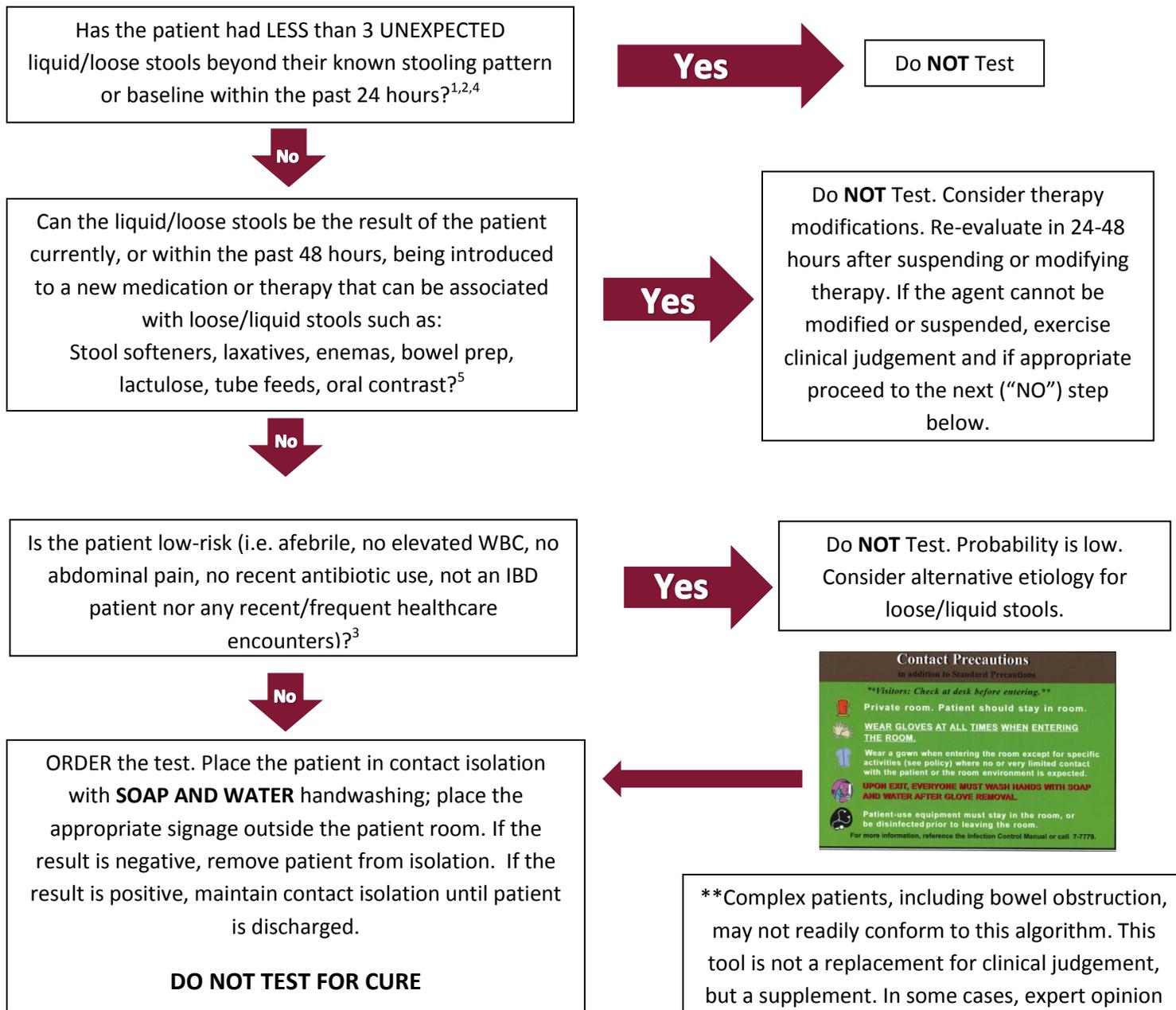




Adult Inpatient Testing Algorithm for Clostridium Difficile Infection (CDI)



****Complex patients, including bowel obstruction, may not readily conform to this algorithm. This tool is not a replacement for clinical judgement, but a supplement. In some cases, expert opinion should be utilized.****

NOTE: Laboratory will reject any specimen with formed stool.

ONLY 1 Test should be ordered every 7 days

PCR is highly sensitive. More frequent testing may yield a false positive, leading to unnecessary antibiotic use.

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