The purpose of this Root Cause Analysis (RCA) tool is to help your hospital team understand and assess the factors impacting your hospital’s *C. difficile* rates, including diagnostic practices, environmental cleaning, and antibiotic prescribing.

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| Case 1 (Click here to enter a date.) | | |
| Conclusion | **Y/N** | **Notes** |
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| This patient had identified risk factors for CDI |  |  |
| This patient had no identified risk factors for CDI |  |  |
| This patient tested positive for *C. difficile* but did not meet the criteria for stool testing (possible this patient is colonized and not infected) |  |  |
| This patient had a history of testing positive for *C. difficile;* therefore this recent test may be reflective of a history of *C. difficile* rather than a new infection |  |  |
| The time from 'test ordered' to 'specimen submitted' exceeded 24 hours |  |  |
| This was a community-onset case with delayed diagnosis |  |  |
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| Antibiotic prescribing practices need to be reassessed |  |  |
| Recognition of asymptomatic bacteriuria vs UTI |  |  |
| OTHER (describe) |  |  |

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| Case 2 (Click here to enter a date.) | | |
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