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# **HCAI/AMR Newsletter Mar 2013: Clostridium difficile: What GPs need to know about managing known or suspected cases in the community setting**

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Why should I not use alcohol hand rub for hand hygiene when caring for patients with CDI?

Fig 1: Management of patient with C. difficile infection in primary care

How should patients with confirmed CDI be managed in a nursing home?

How should patients with confirmed CDI be managed at home?

What information is available in Ireland on C. difficile?

Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of CDI in Ireland, 2011 (Source, HPSC)

What information do we have on C. difficile infection outside acute hospitals?

What is Clostridium difficile 027?

Where can I get further information (factsheets/guidelines etc)?

## **Description**

This newsletter aims to highlight HCAI/AMR issues relevant to general practice. In this issue, we look at Clostridium difficile and what GPs need to know about managing known or suspected cases in the community setting.

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