

**Attachment C: Adult case and control screening forms**

**Community-associated *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Risk Factor Study Call Log**

**PATIENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDY ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS OF PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE TYPE:**  Home  Office  Cell

STATUS CODES: 1=correct, 0=not correct, 9=couldn't determine

ATTEMPT NUMBER	DATE	TIME-OF-DAY CODE	OUTCOME CODE	COMMENTS
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

**TIME-OF-DAY CODES**

- 1 = Weekday, 10AM – 11:59AM
- 2 = Weekday, Noon – 4:59PM
- 3 = Weekday, 5PM - 8PM
- 4 = Saturday only, 10AM-11:59AM
- 5 = Weekend, Noon – 4:59PM
- 6 = Weekend, 5PM – 8PM

**OUTCOME CODES**

- 1 = Enrolled
- 2 = Not home, left message
- 3 = Not home, no message left
- 4 = Refused to participate
- 5 = Unable to answer questions
- 6 = Unable to enroll (after 8 attempts)
- 7 = Need to call back
- 8 = Other, specify in **NOTES**

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[GUIDELINES: A MINIMUM OF 8 ATTEMPTS ON AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENT DATES USING A VALID PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE GIVING UP ON A POTENTIAL CASE OR CONTROL. AT LEAST ONE ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN 5-8PM; AND ONE WEEKEND DAY]

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### CASE SUBJECT

#### INITIAL CALL INTRODUCTION

1. [To the person who answers the phone, IF ADULT, otherwise ask to speak to an adult]: "Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I am calling from the [State health dept.]. May I please speak to [Potential enrollee]?"

\_\_\_ Yes: person who answered is potential enrollee; [go to case patient call script]

\_\_\_ Yes: coming to the phone; [go to case patient call script]

\_\_\_ No: person is unavailable – record call back time on phone log if given

\_\_\_ No: person is deceased: **-STOP- CASE INELGIBLE SAY:**

*"I would like to offer my condolences and apologize for any inconvenience that this call may have caused to        you. Thank you for your time*

\_\_\_ No: person is incapacitated; **-STOP- CASE INELGIBLE SAY:**

*"Thank you for your time. Have a nice day"*

\_\_\_ Does not speak English; [record language in comment section of phone log.]

- IF SPANISH SPEAKING: "We will try to call back with someone who speaks Spanish, thank you."
- IF OTHER LANGUAGE: "Thank you for your time. Have a nice day" [If case speaks a language other than English or Spanish, he/she is not eligible. Record on tracking log as "No English or Spanish." =stop=]

#### CASE PARTICIPANTS Call Script:

"I am calling on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the [State Health Dept.] because you may be eligible to participate in a public health study. This study is being performed by CDC and your State Health Department. We are calling you because you had an infection with a germ called *Clostridium difficile*; sometimes it is also called *C. diff*. The <state health department> routinely tracks how

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often people in your area get sick from *C. difficile* infections and is notified whenever a person develops this infection. Participation is voluntary and involves completing a 30 minute interview over the phone. It will include questions about your illness, healthcare visits, medical history, and recent medications. Please know that your answers will be kept secure and you may choose not to answer any question. If you agree to participate we will send you a \$20 gift card as a token of appreciation. May I tell you more about the study?"

\_\_\_ Yes; [go to CASE SCREENING

\_\_\_ No; [go to Q3]

3. "Your participation in this study is very important. We are trying to better understand why people develop *Clostridium difficile* infection. May I schedule a time to talk that would be better for you?"

\_\_\_ Yes; [Record day/time on Phone Log].

- "Thank you very much for your time, I will call you back later." [=STOP=and call the person back at the requested day/time.]

\_\_\_ No;

- "Sorry to have disturbed you. Good-bye." [=STOP=and record in the interview tracking log as "Refused to participate."]

**\*\*\*\*\*BEFORE YOU PROCEED, HAVE A CALENDAR IN FRONT OF YOU\*\*\*\*\***

**CASE SUBJECT SCREENING QUESTIONS**

I will ask you questions about your illness, healthcare contacts, household contacts, other exposures and medical history. It may be difficult to remember, but I would like your best guess for each question.

Because I will be asking about specific dates around the time your illness began, it may be helpful for you to have a calendar or datebook in front of you. I can hold while you get these things. The dates we are interested in are between [12 weeks *before* positive specimen collection Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_] to [positive specimen collection date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_]. When Participant returns say "I would like to begin with a few questions to be sure you are eligible to participate in the study"

1. Have you ever been diagnosed with *C. difficile* **before** the collection of your stool specimen on [specimen collection date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_]?

Yes.....1

**(If Yes –STOP Interview and say: "We are only interviewing people who have not had a previous *C. difficile* diagnosis. Thank you for your time")**

No.....2

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Don't know/Not sure.....7

Refused.....9

2. Did you stay overnight in a hospital, long term care facility, or nursing home in the 12 weeks **before** [specimen collection date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_]?

Yes.....1

**(If Yes –STOP Interview and say “We are only interviewing people who did not stay in a hospital during that time.” Thank you for your time.**

No.....2 (Go to Q.3)

Don't know/Not sure.....7

Refused.....9

**(If Don't know/ Refuse- STOP Interview and say: “We are only interviewing people who did not stay in a hospital during that time”. Thank you for your time”)**

3. Did you have diarrhea at the time your stool specimen was collected on [specimen collection date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_]? We define diarrhea as 3 or more loose stools in a 24 hour period.

Yes.....1 (Go to Q. 3A)

No.....2

Don't know/Not sure.....7

Refused.....9

**(IF No, Don't know, Refuse- STOP Interview and say “We are only interviewing people who had diarrhea with their C. difficile diagnosis. Thank you for your time.)**

3.A. **If yes**, Do [you] remember when your diarrhea began?

Yes.....1 **(If Yes –fill in date diarrhea began and use as reference date)**

No.....2 **(fill in date of specimen collection and use as reference date.)**

Don't know/Not sure.....7 **(fill in date of specimen collection and use as reference date.)**

Refused.....9 **(fill in date of specimen collection and use as reference date.)**

€ REFERENCE DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

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2 week before \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

4 weeks before \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

12 weeks before \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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**CASE CONSENT SCRIPT: GO TO CASE CONSENT AND SAY “Now that I know you are eligible to participate, I would like to share some additional details about the study and obtain your verbal permission for participation. Feel free to stop me and ask questions at any time.” [AFTER CONSENT COMPLETE CONTINUE WITH INTERVIEW SECTION 1]**

**CONTROL SUBJECTS**

**INITIAL CALL INTRODUCTION**

1. [To the person who answers the phone, IF ADULT, otherwise ask to speak to an adult]: “Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling from the [State health dept.]. I am calling about a public health study on an infection called *Clostridium difficile*. For this study we are looking for people who are [insert sex / age group: \_\_\_\_\_]. Is there anyone in your household in this group who I can speak with?”

\_\_\_ Yes: person who answered is a potential enrollee; [go to control patient call script]

\_\_\_ Yes: coming to the phone; [go to control patient call script]

\_\_\_ No: person is unavailable – *record call back time on phone log if given*

\_\_\_ No: person is deceased: **-STOP- CONTROL INELGIBLE SAY:**

*“I would like to offer my condolences and apologize for any inconvenience that this call may have caused to you. Thank you for your time.”*

\_\_\_ No: person is incapacitated; **-STOP- CONTROL INELGIBLE SAY:**

*“Thank you for your time”*

\_\_\_ Does not speak English; [record language in comment section of phone log.]

- IF SPANISH SPEAKING: “We will try to call back with someone who speaks Spanish, thank you.”
- IF OTHER LANGUAGE: “Thank you for your time. Have a nice day” [If control speaks a language other than English or Spanish, he/she is not eligible. Record on tracking log as “No English or Spanish.” =stop=]

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**Control Participants Call Script**

“I am calling on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the [State Health Dept.] because you may be eligible to participate in a public health study. This study looks at how people living in the community get an illness caused by a germ called *Clostridium difficile* (also called *C. diff*). As part of our study, we need to talk to people **who did not** become ill with *C.diff*, but live in the same area as someone who did and who is around the same age as the ill person. Participation is voluntary and involves completing a 30 minute interview over the phone. It will include questions about your healthcare visits, medical history, and recent medications. Please know that your answers will be kept secure and you may choose not to answer any question. If you agree to participate we will send you a \$20 gift card as a token of appreciation. May I tell you more about the study?”

\_\_\_ Yes; [ go to CONTROL SCREENING]

\_\_\_ No; [go to Q 2].

2. “Your participation in this study is very important. We are trying to better understand why people develop *Clostridium difficile* infection. May I schedule a time to talk that would be better for you?”

\_\_\_ Yes; [Record day/time on Phone Log].

- “Thank you very much for your time.” [=STOP= and call back at requested day and time.]

\_\_\_ No;

- “Sorry to have disturbed you. Good-bye.” [=STOP= and record on interview tracking log as “Refused to participate.”]

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**Control Subject Screening Questions**

I will ask you questions about your healthcare contacts, household contacts, other exposures and medical history. It may be difficult to remember, but I would like your best guess for each question. Because I will be asking about specific dates, it may be helpful for you to have a calendar or datebook in front of you. The dates we are interested in are between [12 weeks *before Matched CASE participant’s* Reference Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_] to [matched case *participant’s* Reference Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_]. I can hold while you get these things. Do you need a minute to go get any of these items?

**When Participant returns say “I would like to begin with a few questions to be sure you are eligible to participate in the study”**

1. Were you between the ages of [matched case patient age group \_\_\_\_\_] on [REFERENCE Date

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\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ ]?

Yes.....1 (Go to Q.2)

No.....2

Don't know/Not sure.....7

Refused.....9

**(If No, Don't know / Refuse STOP Interview and say: "We are only interviewing patients in that age group. Thank you for your time".)**

2. Did you live in [EIP catchment area counties] on [REFERENCE Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ ]?

Yes.....1 (Go to Q.3)

No.....2

Don't know/Not sure.....7

Refused.....9

**(If No, Don't know / Refuse STOP Interview and say: "We are only interviewing patients who lived in that area. Thank you for your time".)**

3. Did you stay overnight in a hospital, long term care facility, or nursing home in the 12 weeks **before** [REFERENCE Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ ]?

Yes.....1

**(If Yes –STOP Interview and say: "We are only interviewing people who did not stay in a hospital during that time." Thank you for your time.)**

No.....2 (Go to Q.4)

Don't know/Not sure.....7

Refused.....9

**(If Don't know / Refuse STOP Interview and say "We are only interviewing people who did not stay in a hospital during that time. Thank you for your time")**

4. Had you ever been diagnosed with *C. difficile* before [REFERENCE date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ ]?

Yes.....1

**(If Yes –STOP Interview and say: "We are only interviewing people who have not had a previous C. difficile diagnosis. Thank you for your time.)**

No.....2 (Go to Q.5)

Don't know/Not sure.....7

Refused.....9

**(If Don't know / Refuse STOP Interview and say "We are only interviewing people who did not have C. difficile in the past. Thank you for your time")**

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5. Did you have diarrhea between [12 weeks before REFERENCE date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_] and [REFERENCE date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_]? We define diarrhea as 3 or more loose stools in a 24 hour period.

Yes.....1

**(IF YES- STOP Interview and say “We are only interviewing people who did not have diarrhea. Thank you for your time.)**

No.....2 **(GO TO CONTROL CONSENT SCRIPT BELOW)**

Don't know/Not sure.....7

Refused.....9

**(If Don't know / Refuse STOP Interview and say “We are only interviewing people who did not have diarrhea. Thank you for your time”)**

**CONTROL CONSENT SCRIPT: GO TO CONTROL CONSENT AND SAY “Now that I know you are eligible to participate, I would like to share some additional details about the study and obtain your verbal permission for participation. Feel free to stop me and ask questions at any time.”**

**[ AFTER CONSENT COMPLETE CONTINUE WITH INTERVIEW SECTION 1]**

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