Diarrhoea Assessment Tool

Has the patient got diarrhoea?
- Bristol stool score 5-7?
- Increase in frequency?
- Offensive smell?

Are there underlying factors?
- E.g. Inflammatory bowel disease, overflow, aperients, enteral feeding, patient’s normal bowel habit, new medication, medical treatments, antibiotics

Clinical Review of:
- General condition,
- Bloods - WCC, CRP, Creatinine
- Medication (If on antibiotics and/or proton pump inhibitor consider Clostridium difficile infection)

Yes
Non infective diarrhoea

Infection suspected
Review/modify treatment:
- Underlying cause
- Medication
- Review clinical response 24-48 hours

Move to a single room
Commence isolation precautions
Obtain specimen
Medical review—including antibiotic therapy
Monitor stools—chart

No
Infection suspected

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Yes

APPENDIX 28