

# PATIENT SAFETY INDICATORS

## C. DIFFICILE

Quarter	Number of New Cases of C. Difficile	C. Difficile rate per 1000 patient days
April – June 2020	0	0.0
July – September 2020	1	0.6
October – December 2020	0	0.0
January – April 2021		

The Clostridium Difficile (C. Diff) rate is calculated as a rate per 1000 patient days. The total “patient days” represents the sum of the number of days during which services were provided to all inpatients the given time period. The rate is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of new hospital acquired cases of C. Diff in HDH}}{\text{Total number of patient days for one month}} \times 1000$$

C. Diff rates may vary month to month; the smaller the facility; the greater the rates will vary. This is because a change in even one case in a small facility will cause the rate to go up or down considerably.