

# Clostridium difficile Infection Treatment Guidelines

## Clinical Condition

## Treatment

### Non-fulminant Disease

<p><b>Initial Episode</b></p> <p>Nonsevere disease: -WBC &lt; 15000 cells/mL -Serum Creatinine &lt; 1.5 mg/dL</p> <p>Severe Disease -WBC &gt; 15000 cells/mL -Serum Creatinine &gt; 1.5 mg/dL</p>	<p><b>Antibiotic Treatment Options</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Fidaxomicin 200 mg PO 2x daily x 10 days</li> <li>2) Vancomycin 125 mg PO 4x daily x 10 days</li> <li>3) For nonsevere disease (if options 1 and 2 are not available) Metronidazole 500 mg PO q8h x 10-14 days</li> </ol>
<p>Second or subsequent episodes</p>	<p><b>Antibiotic Treatment Options</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Fidaxomicin 200 mg PO bid x 10 days OR</li> <li>2) Fidaxomicin 200 mg PO 2x daily x 5 days followed by once every other day x 20 days</li> <li>3) Vancomycin followed by rifaximin</li> </ol>

### Fulminant Disease

<p>Presence of the following: Hypotension, shock, ileus, megacolon</p>	<p>Absence of ileus -Vancomycin 500 mg PO 4x daily AND -Metronidazole 500 mg IV q8h</p> <p>+ presence of ileus -Fecal microbiota transplantation OR -Rectal Vancomycin</p>
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1. Kelly CR, Fischer M, Allegretti JR, et al. ACG Clinical Guidelines: Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Clostridioides difficile Infections. Am J Gastroenterol 2021; 116:1124.