Supplementary Materials

Table 1. Total burden of *C. difficile* at two community hospitals, increasingly recognized to be of community-onset after implementation of a nurse testing protocol during hospital day 1-3 and use of a combined glutamate dehydrogenase and toxin assay after hospital day 3.

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|  |  | Cambridge | |  | | |  | Everett | |  | |
|  | 2015 | | 2016 | | Q1-3’17 | 2015 | | | 2016 | | Q1-3’17 |
| Total disease burdena | 1.7 | | 1.4 | | 1.2 | 1.5 | | | 0.86 | | 1.4 |
| Community-onset *C. difficile*b | 1 | | 1.2 | | 0.79 | 1 | | | 0.64 | | 1.2 |
| Proportion of community-onset | 59% | | 86% | | 66% | 67% | | | 74% | | 86% |

aTotal disease burden is the sum of community-onset and hospital-onset *C. difficile* (cases per 1,000 patient days).

bSpecimen collected in an outpatient or inpatient location on hospital day 1-3 (day 1 is the admission date).