

# C. difficile Myth #10

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### **MYTH:**

It is acceptable to use my personal stethoscope on a patient with *C. difficile* as long as I wipe it off afterwards.

### **FACT:**

Use a dedicated disposable stethoscope\* to reduce risk of transmission.

*If a personal stethoscope must be used, it should be wiped down with an AF3 Sani-Cloth after use.*



\*Please let the patient's nurse know if a disposable stethoscope is not available in the room.

*C. difficile* HO Rate FY16 TD through December: 11.3/10,000 patient days

IAP Goal FY2016: Reduce hospital onset *C. difficile* rate to **11.1 cases / 10,000 patient days.**