

## Look out for this card

Patients with this  
card have been  
identified as having  
had C.difficile (CDI)

### CDI Important Information

- In future, please show this card to any Doctor, Pharmacist, Dentist or other healthcare provider
- Contact your GP without delay if symptoms persist or reoccur



#### Your responsibility is to:

- Give this card to the patient (or carer) and explain the benefits of showing the card to healthcare professionals in the future
- Explain the significance of CDI to the patient
- Explain the need to seek medical advice without delay if symptoms persist or reoccur
- Ensure you are meeting with local prescribing guidance - please refer to your prescribing advisor

#### Presentation of this card should:

- Quickly alert you to their condition
- Ensure that they are appropriately managed
- Optimise antibiotic prescribing (where required)
- Raise the possibility of relapse if the patient presents with persistent or reoccurring symptoms

#### Benefits for patients:

- It encourages patients to present earlier with possible relapses
- It increases their involvement in decisions regarding their care
- It increases patients understanding about CDI
- It helps patients to talk to healthcare providers about their condition
- Repeat hospital admissions may be avoided

#### Benefits for clinicians:

- It can help improve patient outcomes
- It can reduce episodes and severity of illness
- It can increase healthcare providers knowledge of current treatment guidelines
- It can help reduce antibiotic prescribing and hospital admissions

#### For further information, please visit:

[www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/ClostridiumDifficile/](http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/ClostridiumDifficile/)