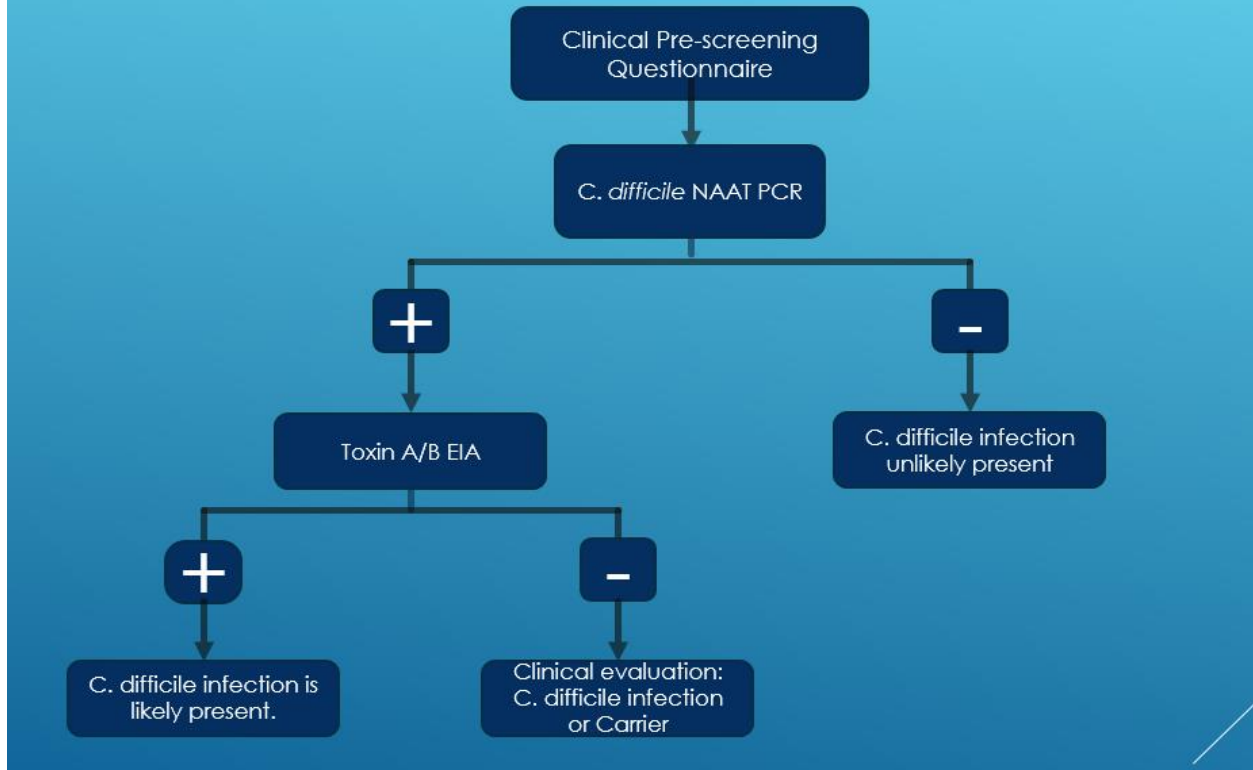


C. difficile 2-Step Testing Algorithm



For an Indeterminate Result

Toxigenic *C. difficile* is present, but formed toxin is not detected. This result supports the possibility of asymptomatic colonization with toxigenic *C. difficile*, and other potential causes of diarrhea should be considered. Decisions about diagnosis and treatment should be based on clinical evaluation. Infectious Disease consult is recommended, as treatment of colonization to eliminate this organism may trigger clinical infection by altering the normal intestinal flora and may increase the risk of antimicrobial resistance. Hospitalized patients with an indeterminate test result should remain in enteric precautions due the risk of shedding and contamination of the environment with toxigenic *C. difficile* spores.