MYTH: All hospitalized patients with fever and leukocytosis should be tested for \textit{C. difficile}.

FACT: 20\% of hospitalized patients are colonized with \textit{C. difficile}. Prior to ordering a \textit{C. difficile} test, assess and consider whether the patient has:

1. Diarrhea ($\geq 3$ loose stools $\leq 24$ hours)
2. History of recent antibiotic use
3. A non-infectious cause of diarrhea (e.g. laxative use, other medications, mucositis, GVHD, inflammatory bowel diseases, dietary changes)

Hospital Onset Case Rate FY2016 TD through October: 11.6/10,000 patient days

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