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Clostridium Difficile Colitis

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A bacterial infection of the colon secondary to infection with *Clostridium difficile* bacteria. This infection generally results from the loss of normal gut flora secondary to recent antibiotic use, and manifests as copious watery stools, with associated abdominal pain and myalgia. *C. difficile* is the most common cause of pseudomembranous colitis, and can progress to toxic megacolon if left untreated.