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Inclusion criteria:

- Patients > 1 year of age
- Diarrhea for ≥ 14 days
- Loose/watery stools

Exclusion criteria:

- Diarrhea for < 14 days ([see Acute Gastroenteritis pathway](#))
- Known to be immunocompromised
- Onset of diarrhea during a hospitalization or within 14 days of discharge

Evaluation:

- Stool characteristics
- Abdominal pain
- Weight loss
- Rash
- Vomiting
- Joint aches
- Oral ulcers
- Dietary habits
- Medications

Risk factors for infectious etiologies:

- Animal exposure
- History of international travel
- Exposure to infected individuals
- Ingestion of potentially contaminated water (from pools, lakes, streams, ponds, etc.)
- Exposure to undercooked meat/fish or unpasteurized dairy products or fruit juices
- Childcare center attendance
- Risk factors for [Clostridioides difficile](#)

