

Lovelace Westside Hospital is proud to serve the community members of Albuquerque's west side and surrounding communities. We know you have put your health in our hands and we don't take that responsibility lightly. As such, we are always working to improve the care we provide so that our patients feel safe in our facility. One of our most recent efforts has focused on decreasing hospital-acquired c.diff infections amongst our patients (C.diff, or Clostridium Difficile, is an intestinal bacteria that can result in some uncomfortable gastrointestinal symptoms). Last year, we had 7 total hospital acquired C.diff infections...7 more than we ever wanted. In November 2020, we took aggressive measures to prevent any further transmission of this bacterial nuisance which include: Daily conversation of patients at risk for contracting C.Diff amongst the hospital leadership team; in-depth and broad education for physicians and nurse practitioners from our Infectious Disease doctor; antibacterial stewardship monitoring from our pharmacy team; education and the creation of a C.diff flowchart for our nursing team, empowering them to call attention to patients at risk. As can be seen on chart below, our efforts have proven successful! We are going on our 6<sup>th</sup> month without any hospital acquired C.diff infections, thereby creating a safer care environment for you, our patients!

