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C. difficile infections among hospitalised children

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Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) is the commonest cause of hospital acquired diarrhoea in adults but the clinical significance of CDI in children is less certain. This talk describes colonisation and infection with CDI in childhood in terms of risk factors, epidemiology and management. A proposed scoring system for assessing the severity of CDI with specific criteria for children is discussed.