European surveillance of *Clostridium difficile* infections

The study will start at 13 May 2013 for a period of 3 months until 13 August 2013 in 14 countries. The results of the study will be used to advice on how to perform CDI surveillance in Europe.

Each participating country has a national contact person (NCP) and hospital contact points (HCP, one person for one or more hospitals). The minimum of hospitals to include is 2-3 per country.

The study encompasses;

* a light surveillance protocol for all hospitalized CDI patents diagnosed in the study period (forms C and H)

* an enhanced protocol for the first 10 hospitalized patients diagnosed in the study protocol (forms E and M). From these patients, also *C. difficile* strains are sent to the National Reference Laboratory (if present) and to Leiden University Medical Center (form M).

* an evaluation form (form F) to be completed at the end of the study by each hospital coordinator.

All hospitalized patients with CDI will be included. The national contact person completes the questionnaires on the website for all patients but can delegate this task to the HCP (please see the FAQ at http://www.ecdis-pilot.eu/ecdis/faq/ or contact ecdis@charite.de). Alternatively, the HCP can download the paper-based questionnaires and can sent the completed forms to the national contact points who subsequently enters the data on the website.

All forms can be completed at https://webkess.charite.de/ecdis/ using an updated browser (Firefox, Chrome, IE 8 or higher)

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