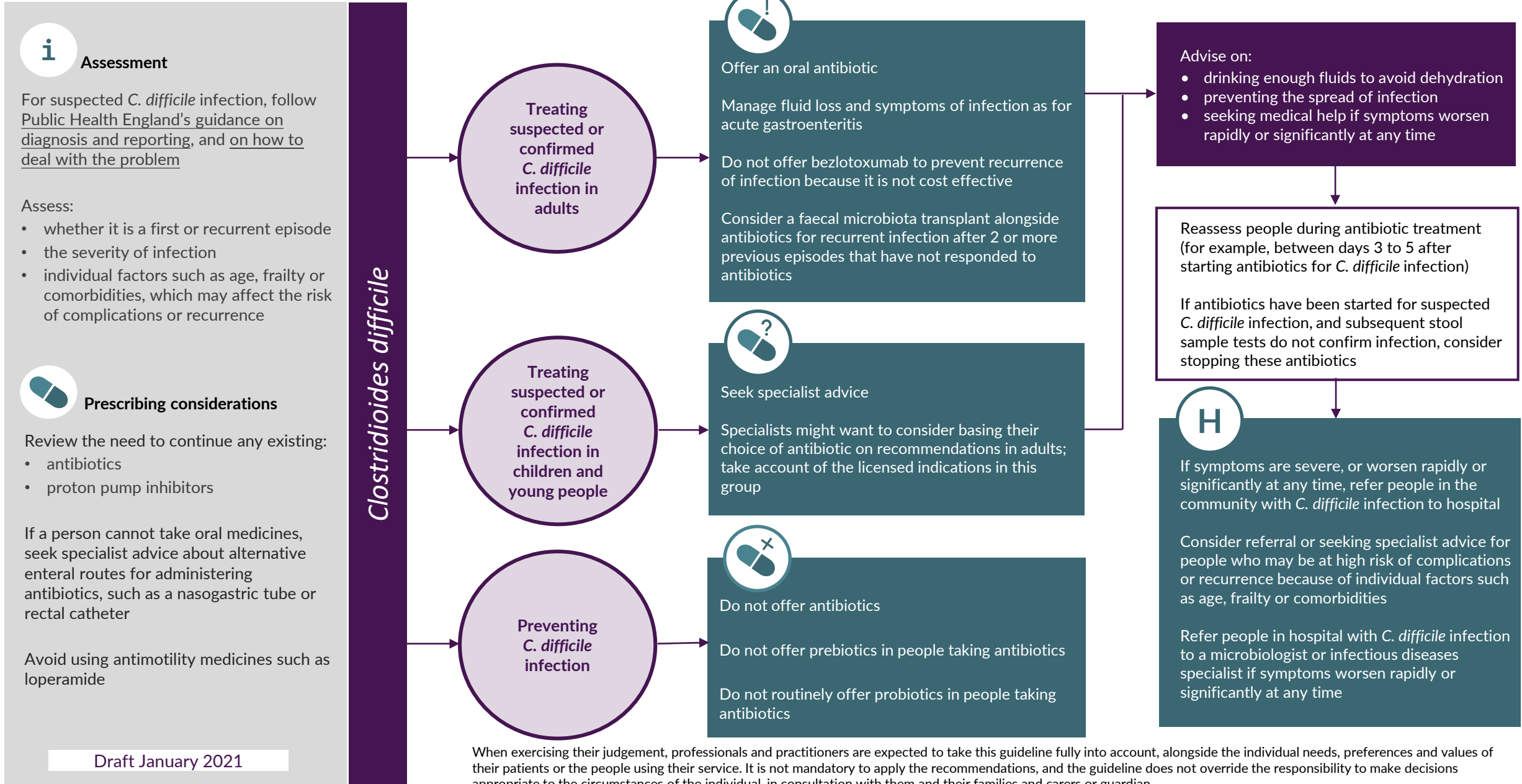


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Choice of antibiotic for adults aged 18 years and over

Treatment	Antibiotic, dosage and course length
Antibiotic for life-threatening <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> infection	Seek specialist advice
First-line antibiotic for a first episode of mild, moderate or severe <i>C. difficile</i> infection	Vancomycin: 125 mg orally four times a day (using either powder for solution given orally or capsules) for 10 days
Second-line antibiotic for a first episode of <i>C. difficile</i> infection if vancomycin is ineffective	Fidaxomicin: 200 mg orally twice a day for 10 days
Antibiotic for <i>C. difficile</i> infection not responding to a first- or second-line antibiotic	Seek specialist advice
Antibiotic for a further episode of <i>C. difficile</i> infection within 12 weeks of symptom resolution (relapse)	Fidaxomicin: 200 mg orally twice a day for 10 days
Antibiotic for a further episode of <i>C. difficile</i> infection more than 12 weeks after symptom resolution (recurrence)	Vancomycin: 125 mg orally four times a day (using either powder for solution given orally or capsules) for 10 days Fidaxomicin (for severe infection): 200 mg orally twice a day for 10 days

See the [BNF](#) for appropriate use and dosing in specific populations, for example, hepatic impairment, renal impairment, pregnancy and breastfeeding.