



Accreditation: ROP of the Week

Required Organizational Practice: Infection Rates

WHAT ARE INFECTION RATES?

- Surveillance, detection and timely dissemination of infection rates to staff, patients/clients/residents, families, and volunteers provides information that leads to quality improvement and processes to prevent and control healthcare associated infections.

AT HEALTH PEI:

- The organization is responsible to:
 - determine which infectious agents are important to monitor;
 - track infection rates;
 - analyze infection rate data to identify possible clusters, outbreaks and trends;
 - make recommendations on how to prevent recurrence; and
 - share information with staff.
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) staff track and monitor the following rates and trends: Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA), Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus (VRE), Clostridium-difficile Infection (C.diff), Ventilator Acquired Pneumonia (VAP), and Surgical Site Infections (SSI).
- **When an outbreak occurs:** a local team is convened to manage the event. Information regarding status and controls is communicated to in order to prevent further spread. Recommendations from outbreaks are reviewed and implemented to improve future outbreak management.

Questions Accreditation Canada Surveyors May Ask Staff:

How does the Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) team monitor infections at Health PEI?

What infection rates are reported at Health PEI?

What is your role in preventing the spread of infections in your program/facility/area of care?