

	<b>POLICIES &amp; PROCEDURES</b> Number: <b>10-30</b> Title: <b>Infection Prevention and Control Professional</b>
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### **Introduction**

The Infection Prevention and Control Professional (ICP) is part of the Infection Prevention and Control team.

### **Policy**

1. The ICP is responsible to the Manager, Infection Prevention & Control and receives clinical direction from the Infection Prevention and Control Officer.

### **Purpose**

The ICP will be accountable to provide infection, prevention and control-related services within the Saskatoon Health Region (SHR) by maintaining an effective Infection Prevention & Control (IP&C) program, providing training and education related to infection prevention and control and infectious diseases, and by consulting on matters related to infection prevention and control within the region and externally as an expert resource. ICPs participate in quality improvement or research activities with the IP&C team and with departments or groups within the Saskatoon Health Region.

### **Procedure**

#### **1. Clinical Service Delivery:**

- Participates in the IP&C team to maintain and advance a regional Infection Control program, ensuring that activities are client-centered, performed in a manner consistent with other IP&C team members and in a fiscally responsible manner.
- Assists with the provision of related training and expert consultation within the parameters of the Region's mission and vision.
- Performs epidemiologic studies to identify, investigate, monitor and analyze outcomes, i.e., outbreaks, exposures. Records and reports in an accurate and timely manner.
- Ensures consistent application of definitions of all nosocomial infections.
- Collaborates in the development of educational tools, policies and procedures related to the program and based on current standards, guidelines or reference material.

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- Prepares and delivers training/education to various groups in SHR, including clients, families, staff physicians and students on topics related to IP&C.
- Promotes the integration of infection prevention principles into design of new construction or renovation projects in SHR.
- Provides expert consultative services regarding IP&C to staff in various departments and settings, and to colleagues within and outside SHR with input from IP&C program staff. Consistent messaging within the team is crucial.
- Identifies risk management issues and influences corrective action in collaboration with affected departments.
- Conducts environmental audits related to infection control, recommends improvements based on research or current standards and shares findings in a timely way.

**2. Community and Team Relationships:**

- Develops and maintains positive working relationships with team members, care providers, and community agencies through participation on both the ICP/ICO team and the Infection Prevention and Control Committee, and by collaborating with staff in various departments on matters affecting these services.
- Participates on quality improvement teams or research projects when designated by the IP&C team.

**3. Professional Growth & Accountability:**

- Maintains and enhances personal and professional growth by continuing to build on current knowledge and through participation in professional associations.

Reference:

SHR Infection Prevention and Control Professional Job Description