

Background:

In 2010 Provincial Infection Control – Newfoundland Labrador (PIC-NL) identified a need to have an orientation program for novice Infection Control Practitioners (ICPs).

Subsequently, PIC-NL lead the development of an orientation program in collaboration with colleagues from the Provincial Infection Control Network (PICNet), BC, Regional Infection Control Networks (RICNs), ON, and the Prince Edward Island Department of Health and Wellness. It is a four week program consisting of nine modules that include key concepts, recommended activities and practice exercises. The modules are:

1. Surveillance
2. Routine Practices and Additional Precautions
3. Microbiology
4. Hand Hygiene
5. Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization of Medical Equipment/Devices
6. Outbreak
7. Communicable Diseases
8. Occupational Health
9. Construction and Renovation

The program is designed to provide the new ICPs with the basic knowledge that will enable them to begin their infection prevention and control practice. It is provided in two formats:

- i) a manual with all nine modules on the NL web site

<http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/infectionpreventionandcontrol.html>

- ii) individual modules on the BC web site

<http://www.picnetbc.ca/education-training/126/icp-orientation-manual>

We are requesting that anyone who uses the modules comply with the following:

1. Use it as it is written
2. Fill in the evaluation form (included in the program) and send to one of the contacts listed below.

If you find it necessary to make any changes to a module or if a section is selected for use in another program, please contact Marionyetman@gov.nl.ca

We welcome any feedback on the program. For comments or inquiries, please contact one of the following:

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