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Overview of IPAC Quality Review

An Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) quality review will be initiated in scenarios that warrant further investigation and may lead to recommendations for system improvement, including:

- Following evidence of transmission of organisms that are the same molecular isolates in an Interior Health acute care or owned-and-operated long-term care facility—for example, a series of patients who have acquired the same MRSA strain on an inpatient unit. The purpose of the review is learning and health system improvement.
- Following a viral respiratory illness outbreak that results in patient deaths.
- Following a stop order on a large-scale construction project.

IPAC Quality Review Process

The IPAC program will form an initial working group consisting of the IPAC Director, IPAC Medical Director, an IPAC Manager, and an Infection Control Professional (ICP), and will invite the unit manager, unit staff, and others (e.g., medical staff, clinical staff, Environmental Services, Workplace Health and Safety), as appropriate to join.

- Communication from the IPAC Director to the site's local Quality Committee (or equivalent, depending on the site) chairs to inform them of the review and to schedule a presentation date.
- Communication from the working group members to site and unit leaders on the purpose and process of the review.
- The ICP creates a timeline, and the internal working group meets to discuss and summarize events and identify questions for staff.
- Interviews are conducted with staff, and information is added to the summary.
- The working group meets to discuss new information and develop draft recommendations. Proposed owners are consulted to obtain their feedback and support.

Actions and Learning

The final IPAC quality review report is presented to the local Quality Committee by the IPAC Director and Medical Director. All information will be de-identified. If the report includes recommendations, they may be endorsed by the Committee and assigned as actions to the appropriate leader. The site Quality Committee will track any recommendations from the review to confirm their completion at the site.

The review summary and recommendations will be presented at the next Regional Infection Control Committee meeting to support sharing and learning across IH. The IPAC program will track activities to maintain a centralized database of IPAC quality review recommendations.