

Appendix IV  
Detailed Status Report of  
Recommendations  
Since 2015

Chapter Name	Department/ Agency	Year	Volume	Chapter	Par.	Recommendation	Self Reported Status
Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	112	<p>We recommend the Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks address deficiencies in infection prevention and control practices within their respective programs, including but not limited to those reported in Exhibit 2.9 such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hand hygiene not done when required by policy, healthcare workers wearing rings and bracelets, areas with inadequate signage and gel;</li> <li>• biomedical waste improperly stored;</li> <li>• overcrowding in hemodialysis and oncology areas whose patients have an increased risk of acquiring an infectious disease;</li> <li>• no cleaning between patients treated in the same chemotherapy chair;</li> <li>• isolation inadequacies (signage, carts supplies, use of personal protective equipment, etc.);</li> <li>• linen deficiencies (clean laundry arriving at hospitals without being properly covered, linen delivery trucks not properly cleaned, uncovered clean linen transported through the hospital, inadequate washing or replacing of the cloth cart covers protecting clean linen, excessive linen inventories, improper storage of clothing worn in the operating room, etc.);</li> <li>• containers of disinfectant wipes left open;</li> <li>• inadequate separation of clean and dirty items and storage space (clean linen stored in poor locations, inadequate separation within nursing units and Medical Device Reprocessing units, equipment and testing supplies stored in patient's washrooms, poor placement of soiled linen hampers, etc.);</li> <li>• doors missing or being left open;</li> </ul>	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network					Implemented	

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Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	112	(continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>permanent placement of patients in beds in the corridor;</li> <li>inadequate cleaning, labelling and storage of shared equipment;</li> <li>insufficient signage (public entrances) and labelling (“clean” and “soiled” items, storage areas, etc.); and</li> <li>construction areas not properly sealed-off from patient areas (with proper ventilation and signs restricting access).</li> </ul>	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network						Implemented
Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	113	We recommend the infection prevention and control professionals and all managers do regular “walk-arounds” observing for compliance with policies and standards, reporting deficiencies to the units/departments, and ensuring corrective action is taken by those units/departments. Deficiencies should be monitored and reported to appropriate committees and/or department heads.	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network						Implemented
Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	114	In smaller hospitals without on-site managers, we recommend the infection prevention and control professional and unit/department managers perform site visits on a regular basis. These visits will provide the opportunity to better monitor the smaller facility. Also, it will provide staff members with the opportunity to ask questions and identify challenges with which they are dealing.	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network						Implemented
Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	115	We recommend the Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks enforce compliance with infection prevention and control policies by all staff members, in all hospitals.	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network						Implemented

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Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	146	We recommend the Department of Health in consultation with the Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks develop a provincial infection prevention and control program and strategy for use in all New Brunswick hospitals. This should address both routine practices and additional precautions. The provincial program should include, but not be limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>documented provincial infection prevention and control policies, standards and practices;</li> <li>a strategy for monitoring compliance with infection control standards; and</li> <li>a comprehensive hand hygiene strategy.</li> </ul>	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network						Implemented
	Department of Health						Implemented
Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	147	We recommend the Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks engage sufficient resources for their programs to ensure all zones have access to Infection Prevention and Control Professionals (ICPs), experts and administrative support.	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network						Implemented
Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Vitalité Health Network	2015	2	2	148	We recommend the Vitalité Health Network require their ICPs obtain specialized training in infection prevention and control.	Implemented
Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	149	We recommend the Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks address the inconsistencies within their respective programs, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inconsistencies in ICPs' knowledge of appropriate practices and standards;</li> <li>variations in the ICPs' work in different zones; and</li> <li>inconsistencies with isolation gowns.</li> </ul>	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network						Implemented

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Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	180	<p>We recommend the Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks improve monitoring for compliance with infection prevention and control standards, including the monitoring of routine practices. This should include, but not be limited to, establishing policies and procedures for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consistent unbiased hand hygiene auditing of appropriate quantity and including coverage of all areas in the hospitals;</li> <li>• auditing jewelry and nails of healthcare workers to ensure compliance with the hand hygiene policy;</li> <li>• auditing of linen management, including delivery trucks;</li> <li>• auditing of waste management, including all types of waste; and</li> <li>• auditing of shared equipment (proper cleaning, storage, etc.).</li> </ul>	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network						Implemented
Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals	Horizon Health Network	2015	2	2	202	<p>We recommend the Department of Health and/or the Regional Health Authorities enhance its public reporting on the effectiveness of its infection prevention and control program(s) by reporting on hand hygiene and other infection prevention and control program performance indicators.</p>	Implemented
	Vitalité Health Network						Implemented
	Department of Health						Implemented