



NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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The following clinical practice has been approved for use in the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services system, and has been distributed to:

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The information contained in this document is a Departmental:

Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clinical Standard		Protocol		Procedure		Clinical Practice Guideline
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Title: [NWT Infection Prevention and Control \(IPAC\) Program Standards](#)

Effective Date: February 29, 2024

CPI#185 replaces CPI 108 NWT IPAC Manual and CPI 82 IPAC: Care of the Deceased with an Infectious Disease

Effective February 29, 2024, the NWT Chief Public Health Officer directs the adoption of the approved NWT Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Program Standards as amended from time to time. All amendments to the NWT IPAC Program Standards will be communicated through a formal Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO) Public Health Alert which can be found here: https://ournthssa.ca/post_category/cpho-practitioner-alerts/.

The most up to date version of the NWT IPAC Program Standards will be digitally posted here: <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/en/nwt-infection-prevention-and-control-ipac-standards>

The four (4) overarching goals of the NWT IPAC Program include:

1. To protect residents from healthcare-associated infections, resulting in improved survival rates and reduced morbidity associated with infections.
2. To prevent the transmission of communicable diseases among residents/clients, healthcare providers, visitors, and others within the healthcare environment.
3. To prevent the spread of communicable diseases between healthcare settings and/or communities.
4. To ensure evidence-based standards of care and excellence are maintained throughout NWT healthcare settings.

The adoption of Territorial IPAC standards supports approved and standardized IPAC programs in the NWT that follow current and best practices. These Territorial standards reflect national IPAC standards and priorities.

Attachments:

- NWT IPAC Program Standards:
<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/en/nwt-infection-prevention-and-control-ipac-standards>

An electronic copy of this notice is also available on the Department of Health and Social Services health professional website at: <http://www.professionals.hss.gov.nt.ca/document-categories/clinical-practice-information-notices>.

This clinical practice is approved by

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