



# NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

Northwest Territories Health and Social Services

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**Title:** NWT Infection Control Manual

**Effective Date:** July 6, 2004

**Statement of approved clinical practice:**

The attached NWT Infection Control Manual is the standard for the NWT Infection Control Program. This manual was produced by the staff at the Office of the Chief Medical Health Officer Department of Health and Social Services through consultation with the Arctic Nurse Leadership Network, the Canadian Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA), an Infection Control Officer, Medical Directors, Medical Health Officers (MHOs), Nurse Managers.

The NWT Infection Control Manual includes guidelines and clinical practice standards for the implementation of a Hospital Infection Control Program to ensure the development, implementation and ongoing review of activities to prevent or control communicable diseases.

Under the *Public Health Act* and the *Hospital Standards Regulations*, all healthcare facilities must comply with the protocols and guidelines contained in this manual.

This NWT Infection Control Manual contains clinical practice standards for:

- Implementation and Management of Universal, Airborne, Contact and Droplet Precautions for Communicable Diseases.
- Handwashing, Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization Guidelines Recommended for the NWT.
- Responsibilities and Requirements for Reporting Infectious Diseases.
- Procedure for the Management of Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis to Human Blood and Body Fluids

This clinical practice is approved.

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