



## Message from the Medical Officer of Health

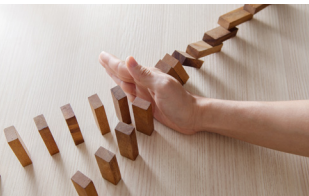
Recent news across Ontario has raised public awareness of infection prevention and control (IPAC) in clinical offices. I'd like to remind you to use the tools available to ensure your practice is IPAC compliant. This means ensuring healthcare providers, workers and patients are doing everything they can to prevent infection transmission. This postcard profiles the Public Health Ontario (PHO) resources that can help you prevent IPAC lapses in your clinical office practice.

*Halton Physician Appreciation Week* starts April 30 and I want to thank all of you who have chosen Halton as home to your practice. As a practicing physician in Halton, I am proud to be your colleague and the Health Department values its partnership with you. Together, we are making Halton residents healthier. Thank you for all you do!



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# What's new for Halton physicians?



## Think IPAC!

The Health Department encourages physicians to review and follow the best practice document, **Infection Prevention and Control for Clinical Office Practice**, as well as the many useful resources available from Public Health Ontario (PHO). For more information, visit [publichealthontario.ca](http://publichealthontario.ca) (*Browse by topic, and select Infection Prevention and Control*).



## Conduct IPAC self-audits

Use the self-audit tools provided by Public Health Ontario to inspect your own clinical office practice and see how your office measures up. Visit [publichealthontario.ca](http://publichealthontario.ca) (*Browse by topic and select Infection Prevention and Control*) for the recommended inspection checklists: 1) **Checklist for Infection Prevention and Control CORE Elements in Clinical Office Practice**; and 2) **Checklist for Reprocessing of Medical Equipment/Devices in Clinical Office Practice**.



## Free online IPAC courses

Infection control online learning modules are provided by Public Health Ontario. Learn about reprocessing in Community Health Care Settings and IPAC Core Competencies. To access the course components please login to PHO. If you do not have an account, register at: [publichealthontario.ca](http://publichealthontario.ca) (*Browse by topic and select Infection Prevention and Control*).



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