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POST IN: Emergency Department and Physicians Lounge

FROM: Dr. Daniela Kempkens, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: January 16, 2018

RE: Infection Control Lapse in a Clinical Practice Setting

Due to the recent Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) lapse which occurred at **Ontario Institute of Facial Surgery**, operated by Dr. Joseph Korkis, at **Suite 405 – 672 Brant St, Burlington** your patient(s) who have received services at this location may present to your office for consultation regarding whether screening for bloodborne infections is necessary. This recommendation from the Health Department remains unchanged and was conveyed in an E-Fax on December 14, 2017. The IPAC lapse at the above named office were related to lack of evidence of appropriate cleaning, disinfection, sterilization and storage of equipment between patients. An investigation report can be found at www.halton.ca/IPACdisclosure

Testing should be discussed with anyone who received services at this office up-to and including December 4, 2017 and physicians should make a testing decision depending on an individual risk assessment for each patient. Should you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact us as the responsible agency for this advisory.

The risk of acquiring a bloodborne infection due to the identified IPAC lapse is low. As a precaution, the Health Department is recommending that clients who have ever received any services at this location contact their health care providers. This entails approximately 36,000 patients from over a period of ten years whom we have record retention however this physician began at this practice January 19, 1994.

The Health Department recommends considering the following tests for the identified patients:

- Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)
- Hepatitis B core total antibody (HBcAb Total (IgG +IgM))
- Hepatitis C screen
- HIV screen

If the client received services at this office within the last 3 to 6 months and tests negative for all 3 viruses, the client needs to have repeat testing at least 4 to 6 weeks after the initial testing to ensure they are tested outside the incubation period for hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV.

More information about the IPAC lapse disclosure report, fact sheets for hepatitis B and C and HIV, and FAQs can be found at www.halton.ca. If you need more information please contact the Halton Region Health Department. Dial 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866. For general information, please visit www.halton.ca/physicians. To sign up for important updates by email, visit www.halton.ca/physicianupdates.

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