



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
IPAC CANADA REPRESENTATIVES TO
ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE ORGANISMS (ARO(s)) POINT PREVALENCE STUDY TEAM

The ARO Prevalence Study is a study designed to assess the prevalence of antimicrobial resistant organisms in Canadian hospitals. This study differs from CNISP studies in that it focuses on prevalence, not incidence, and that it will include non-CNISP hospitals.

IPAC Canada has been a coinvestigator in one-day point-prevalence surveys of antibiotic resistant organisms (AROs) that were conducted in hospitals across Canada in November 2010 and again November 2012. These surveys have provided the first national prevalence data in Canada for important pathogens such as MRSA, VRE, ESBL, CPE, and *C. difficile*. A follow-up point-prevalence survey will be launched in November 2015 in order to monitor changes over time.

The Study Team will be responsible for: finalization of the methodology (protocol) and all aspects of study implementation, including recruitment of sites, assistance with obtaining research ethics approval as required at the participating sites, coordination of data collection, data management and analysis, and manuscript preparation. Progress will be shared with IPAC Canada in the form of quarterly reports until the final study report is available. The final study report will be in the form of a manuscript, to be submitted for publication to an appropriate peer-reviewed journal. Study team members will be acknowledged as co-authors; IPAC Canada will be acknowledged for its support.

IPAC Canada is seeking two (2) representatives to participate on the study team from September 2015 to completion of the project (anticipated 2016). These positions are not funded. All expenses directly related to the performance of responsibilities of the IPAC Canada representatives will be reimbursed by IPAC Canada.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications and agree to the following terms:

- Be an IPAC Canada member and remain in good standing for the term of the appointment;
- Preferably hold a current Certification in Infection Control (CIC®);
- Have a minimum of 5 years' experience in Infection Prevention and Control and/or Infectious Diseases with specialized training in research, epidemiology, and surveillance
- Have experience in working as a team member, with strong collaboration, communication and organizational abilities;
- Have the time, personal commitment and support of their institution to serve IPAC Canada and the Study Team through this position.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- A letter from applicant expressing interest in the position and demonstrating suitability for the position.
- A curriculum vitae that includes details as to the desired knowledge and experience.
- Confirmation of facility/employer support.

Applications must be received no later than **August 14, 2015**.

Applications should be forwarded to info@ipac-canada.org with the Subject: ARO Point Prevalence Study Team Application.