

STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES CORE COMMITTEE

Chair: Madeleine Ashcroft RN BScN MHS CIC

Mandate/Goal of Committee: To recommend to the IPAC Canada Board of Directors an official position on standards and guidelines which have an impact on infection prevention and control, and to promote IPAC Canada representation on expert panels and liaison with other professional organizations.

Membership of Committee: Core members from practice sites across the country and one representative from each chapter (president or designate).

Activities during the year:

Bi-monthly networking meetings via teleconference on January 12, March 9, May 11, June 1, June 16 (in person at annual conference), October 5, and December 9, 2015.

2015 Initiatives:

- Continued to address process and schedule for position statement and practice recommendation creation and review.
- New policies for Positions Statements (14.32 and 14.32.1) to be reviewed in early 2016.

Completed review and update of:

Position Statements:

- Human Milk: Incorporating feedback from Board (posted)
- Perioperative Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Prevention of Surgical Site Infection (with Board)
- Hand Hygiene: Now Practice Recommendation with separate Position Statement (Guiding Principles) (with Board)

Practice Recommendations:

- Intravascular Dialysis Catheter Care

Audit Tools Subcommittee reviewed tools for Foot Care and Home Care

In progress:

Position Statements:

- Toys
- Health Care Facility Design
- Cleaning and Disinfection of Non-critical Multi-Use Equipment/Devices in Community Settings: New references from Public Health Ontario to be added
- Medical Gels (Guiding Principles)
- Antimicrobial Products in the Community: New information from CSA and others to be incorporated
- Electronic Devices: New Alberta Standards to be incorporated

Pending Updates from Interest Groups:

- IPAC Measures to Prevent Transmission of Hepatitis B (Blood Borne Pathogens) among Hemodialysis Patients

Committee decision to delay updates to VRE Screening and Contact Precautions until after Public Health Ontario's study is complete/published.

Goals for the coming year:

Confirm a process to streamline the approval process with the Board.

Continue to communicate the processes for position statement and practice recommendation creation and review and to ensure all existing statements and recommendations are reviewed by year end, and then reviewed at least every three years.