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Dear Fellow Infection Control Professional;

On behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada we are surveying infection control programs in acute care hospitals across Canada for their views on the status and needs of infection control programs and to determine if infection control resources and programming in acute care hospitals have improved as a result of the focus directed towards infection control programs by SARS and antibiotic resistant pathogens such as MRSA, C. difficile, and VRE. The results of this survey will be used to promote infection control programs in acute care hospitals.

The survey that accompanies this letter is to be completed by the staff member most responsible for the infection control program in your institution. When the survey is completed, please mail it back to us in the included business reply envelope that does not need postage.

Participation in this study is voluntary. Respondents and hospitals will never be identified in presentations of the results. The researchers will not divulge respondent and hospital identities to any third party whatsoever, including the Public Health Agency of Canada. The study was reviewed and approved by Dr. Albert Clark, Chair of the Queen's University Research Ethics Board – (613) 533-6081.

I would like to thank-you in advance for taking the time to answer this important survey. All participants will be sent an executive summary of this study.

Sincerely,

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