INTRODUCTION
ONTARIO MINISTRY REGULATION REQUIRING WITHIN 3 YEARS:
• FORMAL INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAM
• CERTIFIED PROGRAM LEAD
• MINIMUM DEDICATED HOURS
• FORMAL IPAC EDUCATION

OBJECTIVES
ASSESS READINESS FOR MEETING REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS
IDENTIFY GAPS AND BARRIERS

RESULTS: ARE WE THERE YET?
MOST LTC IPAC PROGRAMS MET REQUIRED PROGRAM HOURS
MEETING REQUIRED HOURS [79%]

-70 BEDS
MIN 17.5 IPAC HOURS
70-199 BEDS
MIN 26.25 IPAC HOURS
≥200 BEDS
MIN 35 IPAC HOURS

NO LTC IPAC LEADS HAD COMPLETED THEIR CIC/LTC-CIP
97% OF IPAC LEADS MET EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
13% OF IPAC LEADS IN PROCESS OF CERTIFICATION
0% OF IPAC LEADS CERTIFIED

IPAC LEADS AT LTC FACILITIES HAD LESS IPAC EXPERIENCE

LTC IPAC LEADS
<1 YEAR 53% 31% 31%
1-3 YEARS 40% 40% 31%
3-5 YEARS 3% 3% 3%
≥5 YEARS 3% 3% 3%
ACUTE CARE IPAC STAFF
<1 YEAR 3% 3% 3%
1-3 YEARS 3% 3% 3%
3-5 YEARS 3% 3% 3%
≥5 YEARS 3% 3% 3%

IPCS IN ACUTE CARE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LIKELY TO HAVE OCCUPIED AN IPAC ROLE FOR ≥ 3 YEARS THAN THOSE IN LONG-TERM CARE

METHODS
SURVEY SENT TO IPAC PROGRAM LEADS AT PROVINCIALY-FUNDED LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES & ACUTE CARE FOR COMPARISON

LTC IPAC LEAD (30)
ACUTE CARE ICP (16)
OTHER (4)
• PUBLIC HEALTH
• HOSPICE/CORPORATE

CONCLUSIONS
IPAC-SPECIFIC PROGRAM HOURS ARE ALLOCATED IN MOST FACILITIES
CONSISTENT STAFFING CONTINUES TO POSE CHALLENGES
ATTAINING AND MAINTAINING CERTIFICATION IN INFECTION CONTROL REQUIRES DEDICATION

1PETERBOROUGH REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE
2CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF EASTERN ONTARIO
3MACKENZIE HEALTH