



Infection Prevention and Control Lapse Report Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team

Initial Report

Premise/facility under investigation

Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team
24 Selkirk Street
Ottawa, On
K1L 0A4

Type of premise/facility

Medical Clinic

Date Board of Health became aware of IPAC lapse

2023-05-12

Date of Initial Report posting

2023-05-29

Date of Initial Report update(s)

2023-05-29

How the IPAC lapse was identified

In response to a complaint reported to Ottawa Public Health regarding the lack of hand hygiene and cleaning supplies, improper use of PPE, generally inadequate IPAC practises.

Summary Description of the IPAC Lapse

- Reprocessing of reusable medical equipment not according to IPAC best practice
- A designated reprocessing room was not available
- Inadequately trained staff performing reprocessing
- Inadequate cleaning and disinfection and hand hygiene supplies

IPAC Lapse Investigation

Did the IPAC lapse involve a member of a regulatory college?

No

If yes, was the issue referred to the regulatory college?

No

Were any corrective measures recommended and/or implemented?

Yes

Please provide further details

- Discontinue use of re-usable equipment until such time a reprocessing and sterilization process can be verified by Ottawa Public Health
- Designate a reprocessing area which meets IPAC best practice
- Reprocess equipment according to IPAC best practice
- Provide adequate cleaning and disinfection supplies
- Provide adequate hand hygiene supplies
- Provide IPAC and reprocessing training for staff

Date any order(s) or directive(s) were issued to the owners/operators (if applicable)

On 2023-05-18, Ottawa Public Health verified that the practitioner had stopped using reusable medical equipment until they could be reprocessed adequately

Initial Report Comments and Contact Information

Any Additional Comments

On 2023-05-18 Ottawa Public Health verified that the practitioner had obtained single use, disposable medical equipment for use, adequate hand hygiene supplies had been obtained, adequate cleaning and disinfection supplies were available.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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Final Report

Date of Final Report posting:

2023-05-29

Date of Final Report Update(s)

2023-05-29

Date all corrective measures were confirmed to have been completed

2023-05-23

Brief description of corrective measures taken

On 2023-05-23, OPH confirmed that the clinic has taken the following actions to address the IPAC deficiencies:

- Dedicated reprocessing area
- Procedure for reprocessing in accordance with IPAC best practices
- Adequate cleaning and disinfection and hand hygiene supplies readily available

Any Additional Comments

Clinic advised they can resume use of reusable equipment on 2023-05-25.

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