



Infection Prevention and Control Lapse Report St. Joseph Family Medicine Clinic

Initial Report

Premise/facility under investigation

St. Joseph Family Medicine Clinic
Units 100 and 104
2555 St Joseph Blvd,
Orleans, ON
K1C 1S6

Type of premise/facility

Medical Clinic

Date Board of Health became aware of IPAC lapse

2024-08-28

Date of Initial Report posting

2024-09-16

Date of Initial Report update(s)

N/A

How the IPAC lapse was identified

In response to an IPAC complaint, Ottawa Public Health (OPH) inspected the facility and an IPAC lapse was identified.

Summary Description of the IPAC Lapse

Reprocessing of reusable medical equipment:

- Layout of medical device reprocessing area (MDRA)
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Sterilization
- Documentation
- Education and training of staff

IPAC Lapse Investigation

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

Yes

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

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the College of Nurses of Ontario were informed of the investigation.

Were any corrective measures recommended and/or implemented?

On 2024-08-29, the facility was instructed to stop onsite medical device reprocessing using the autoclave and to use single use disposable items.

Please provide further details

The facility is working with OPH to ensure that the MDRA and reprocessing processes are congruent with best practices.

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

N/A

Initial Report Comments and Contact Information

Any Additional Comments

N/A

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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Final Report

Date of Final Report posting:

2024-10-21

Date of Final Report Update(s)

2024-10-02

Date all corrective measures were confirmed to have been completed

2024-10-01

Brief description of corrective measures taken

On 2024-10-01, OPH confirmed that the clinic had taken the following actions to address the IPAC deficiencies:

- Written policy and procedures for reprocessing in accordance with IPAC best practices.
- Dedicated centralized reprocessing room with a one-way flow to prevent contamination.
- Provide employees with education and training on reprocessing.
- Documentation and verification of sterilization process.
- Adequate supplies for reprocessing are readily available.

Final Report Comments and Contact Information

Any Additional Comments

Clinic was advised they can resume reprocessing and the use of reusable medical equipment on 2024-10-02.

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