

Your Network for Infection Prevention and Control

Supporting you and your work on the front lines of Ontario's health care



Giving Health a Helping Hand

The Regional Infection Control Network (RICN) is your partner in Ontario's health care community.

We are here to support you in the prevention and control of infections and infectious diseases in all health care settings.

Your success is our success!

Protecting your health, your co-workers' health, and the health of those you care for

Ontario's RICNs offer

- Best-practice information, resources and implementation tools
- Advice, consultation, and answers to your questions
- Guidance on applying infection control measures consistently
- Collaboration in designing and delivering education and training
- Integration of infection prevention and control activities
- Leadership to improve response to future infection control threats



Let our work help yours

Anyone who provides health care for others can use the resources of Regional Infection Control Networks, including:

- Hospital Staff
- Long Term Care and Retirement Home Staff
- Emergency Medical Services
- Home Healthcare Providers
- Community Physicians and Nurse Practitioners
- Dentists
- Public Health Staff
- Midwives
- Community Mental Health Staff
- Chiropodists
- Students In Healthcare Programs

Our RICN structure means we can all learn more, communicate more, and battle challenges more effectively.

RICNs support 14 regions across Ontario as one resource team to advance excellence in infection prevention and control. We want to help you connect with Infection Prevention and Control experts, current resources, and answers.

Our logo uses 14 hands as a visual metaphor to represent each of our member networks. As a reference to the primary method of infection control, the hands are arranged as if being cleaned. The circular design reinforces the importance of members working together to create solutions that control the spread of infectious diseases.

An innovative concept, within your reach

Regional Infection Control Networks are your link to expertise on infection prevention, surveillance and control information.

Developed by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in 2004, we provide a coordinated, credible and proactive resource for evidence-based solutions.

Regional network boundaries correspond geographically to those of each Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

As front-line colleagues, you benefit from our collaboration with the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee, the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Under the local guidance of a Steering Committee, a network team provides each region's Infection Prevention and Control professionals with current information, education and support.

A helping hand is within your reach www.ricn.on.ca



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