

Acronyms; What Do They All Mean?

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ABHR	Alcohol based hand rub
AP	Additional precautions
ARI	Acute respiratory illness
ARO	Antibiotic resistant organism
BBI	Blood borne infection
BI	Biological indicator
CA-MRSA	Community associated methicillin resistant <u><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i></u>
CCC	Complex continuing care
CDI	<u><i>Clostridium difficile</i></u> infection
CDC	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
CHICA	Community & Hospital Infection Control Association - Canada
CRE	Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (a resistant bacterial strain)
DIN	Drug Identification Number
ESBL	Extended spectrum beta lactamase (a resistance mechanism by which a bacterial enzyme breaks down a certain class of antibiotics)

HAI	Health Care Associated Infection
HEPA	High efficiency particulate air (filter)
HLD	High Level Disinfectant
HVAC	Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning
ICP	Infection Control Professional
CSA	Canadian Standards Association
LLD	Low Level Disinfectant
LTC	Long Term Care
MMR	Measles Mumps Rubella (vaccine)
MOHLTC	Ministry of Health & Long Term Care
MRSA	Methicillin resistant <u><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i></u>
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
NACI	National Advisory Committee on Immunization
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health
OHS	Occupational Health & Safety
OHSA	Occupational Health & Safety Act
OMT	Outbreak Management Team
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction (a rapid and accurate lab test which identifies the DNA of a microorganism)

PHAC	Public Health Agency of Canada
PHU	Public Health Unit
PIDAC	Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPM	Parts per million
QUAT	Quaternary ammonium chloride (type of low level disinfectant used for environmental surfaces)
RICN	Regional Infection Control Network
RP	Routine Practices
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (common virus causing respiratory infections)
TB	Tuberculosis
VRE	Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System