1. Scope of Document

This Infection Prevention and Control Manual is a resource for infection prevention and control information and strategies in the delivery of health care in community settings in Nunavut.

Introduction

The Infection Prevention and Control Program in Nunavut enables health care providers and support workers in providing consistency in:

- Screening clients for infectious agents
- Risk assessment for possible exposure or spread of infectious agents and
- Risk reduction strategies.

The information in this guide will focus on strategies including clean hands, clean equipment, clean environment, client education as well as healthy workers and care providers.

For purposes of this manual, a health care provider is an individual who may have the potential to acquire or transmit an infectious agent during the course of his or her work providing and supporting health care.

The term "patient" is intended to include residents of health facilities, clients of Home Care and any person that is seeking or receiving health care in a community health setting in Nunavut.

Other Nunavut manuals that are associated and overlap with the goals of Infection Prevention and Control Program are:

- Communicable Diseases
- Tuberculosis
- Immunization
- Community Health Nursing Administration Manual

These manuals should be referred to as needed and are cross referenced throughout this manual.