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Announcement – Senior Practice Leader: Noorsallah Esmail

We are elated to share the news that Noorsallah Esmail has accepted the role of Senior Practice Leader with the Provincial Infection Control Network of BC (PICNet). Noorsallah transitioned to her new role May 10th, reporting to Tara Donovan, Network Director. In her new position, Noorsallah is leading the Education and Practice team to address provincial infection prevention and control (IPC) priorities and initiatives within the portfolio. PICNet will recruit another Education and Practice Coordinator in the coming weeks.

Noorsallah first joined PICNet in 2020 as an Education & Practice Coordinator, bringing extensive healthcare knowledge and experience in various infection prevention and control (IPC) positions in both acute and community care settings. During her time with PICNet, Noorsallah has led provincial level task groups and developed provincial guidelines and education tools for health care professionals, patients and families across the continuum of care.

During the pandemic response she worked closely with her colleagues and partners to develop provincial COVID-19 guidelines and resources and then transition these materials to viral respiratory illness or general best practice documents. In addition, Noorsallah led two provincial task groups, one focused on the revisions to the provincial IPC education modules, and the other dedicated to revising the provincial additional precautions signs including the creation of two new signs used in healthcare settings.

Noorsallah is co-leading the creation of provincial IPC best practices for medical device reprocessing of critical and semi-critical equipment, a project she is committed to leading and completing in her new role. In addition, Noorsallah will lead her colleagues on key initiatives identified as part of the provincial carbapenemase-producing organisms action plan and provide leadership to ensure successful completion of this work.

As a long-standing professional in the provincial IPC community, Noorsallah has forged strong partnerships with her colleagues and has an innovative mindset to create new paths and promote excellence in IPC practices, upholding the importance of quality care and patient safety.

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Noorsallah to her new position as Senior Practice Leader. You are welcome to share this announcement with others as appropriate.