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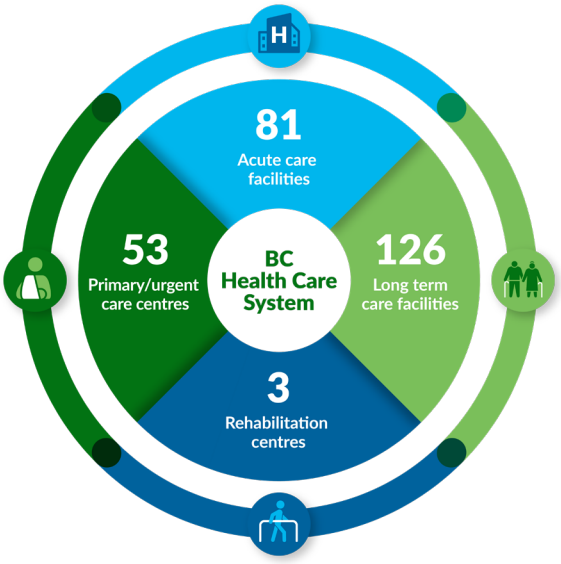
Established in 2005, PICNet is a Health Improvement Network within the Provincial Health Services Authority.

Goal

System wide solutions for fewer infections.

Purpose

Reduce health care-associated infections (HAIs) through evidence-informed infection prevention and control (IPC) practices and data-informed decisions in British Columbia (BC).

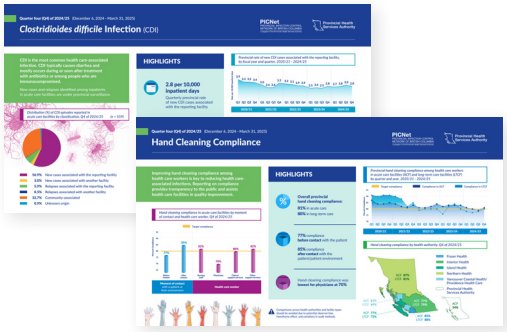


Function

Provide provincial IPC leadership for system-wide planning, coordination and delivery of IPC best practices for health care facilities across BC, to reduce patient/resident/client, health care worker (HCW) and visitor risk of acquiring HAIs.

Partnership

Collaborate with health authority IPC programs, the Ministry of Health's Population and Public Health Division, clinicians, medical microbiologists, physicians, professionals working in Public Health, Workplace Health and Safety, BC Biocontainment Unit, patient partners, and more.



Provincial surveillance

Develop and maintain standardized provincial surveillance programs to monitor health care-associated infections including:

- *Clostridioides difficile* infection — established 2008/09
- Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* — established 2010/11
- Hand hygiene compliance — established 2011/12
- Carbapenemase-producing organisms — established 2014/15
- *Candida Auris* — established 2018/19

Read more at picnet.ca/surveillance

Advancing infection prevention and control across BC for more than 20 years

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Resources

- Advance and promote IPC knowledge by creating, updating or informing best practice guidelines, knowledge translation tools (e.g. toolkits, algorithms) and discussion papers in collaboration with partners.
- Provide access to print-ready posters, additional precautions signage, and brochures/fact sheets.
- Offer a library of tools, games and videos to support IPC professionals and HCWs in learning about IPC best practices.

Find our resources at picnet.ca/resources

Education and training

LearningHub

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TELECLASS EDUCATION FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL



- Promote IPC across BC by providing ongoing education and training to over 250,000 health care professionals through 14 PHSA Provincial LearningHub modules (e.g. Provincial Hand Hygiene Basics, IPC Basics, High-Threat Pathogens, etc).
- Deliver live IPC education sessions featuring PICNet staff and key partners and promote Webber Training Education™ — an international lecture series on IPC topics.

Learn more at picnet.ca/education

Collaboration



Strengthen IPC best practice across BC by gathering health care professionals through conferences, symposia and other events, to facilitate education, discussions, and decision-making on topics such as outbreak management, emerging pathogens, and provincial surveillance.

Community of practice

PICNet has a large community of practice with over 900 members globally. The latest infection control news, resources, guidelines and opportunities are shared via seasonal newsletters.

Join our community of practice at picnet.ca/join