

## **Announcement from the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC)**

PIDAC has recently developed and is pleased to announce the posting of a "best practices document" for Ontario entitled:

### ***"Best Practices for Infection Prevention and Control Programs in Ontario in all Health Care Settings"***

This document can be found on the following webpage: <http://www.pidac.ca>

#### ***About This Document***

The purpose of this document is to provide recommendations for:

- specific activities for Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) programs across the continuum of health care delivery in Ontario; and
- adequate and appropriate resource allocation for IPAC programs across the continuum of health care delivery.

This document is targeted to senior administration in health care settings, medical officers of health, as well as others in a management role, and may be of interest to administrators in local health integration networks. These best practices will be useful for developing and prioritizing IPAC programs and engaging in strategic planning activities for the future.

In cooperation with the Ontario Hospital Association, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) will be hosting a province wide educational videoconference in October, 2008. Principle authors of the document will be on-hand to review the key components of the document, as well as answer your questions. Keep your eyes open for the flyer in upcoming weeks.

The document will be accompanied by a letter from the Chief Medical Officer of Health to all stakeholders that offers guidance on how the recommendations should be interpreted and outlines some future next steps.

Questions about the best practice document can be directed to [pidac.moh@ontario.ca](mailto:pidac.moh@ontario.ca).