

**Public Information Release:**

**Monday, December 13, 2010**

**Update #4:**

- **The MRSA and VRE outbreaks on B3 declared over**
- **Outbreak for *C. diff* Infection (CDI) continues; however, no new cases**
- **Continued restrictions for visitors to B3**

Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) has declared its VRE and MRSA outbreaks on its B3 unit over. However, it continues to restrict visitors on its B3 medical unit due to the outbreak situation of *C. diff*. No new *C. diff* cases have been reported since November 25. Visiting is limited, on this unit only, to no more than two immediate family members at a time. No other services are affected.

As per its normal practice, PRHC has been providing updates to the public via its web site ([www.prhc.on.ca](http://www.prhc.on.ca)) about outbreaks on B3. As noted in previous updates, for as long as the CDI outbreak is ongoing, no patients will be admitted to B3 or transferred from the unit to elsewhere in the hospital. As well, increased environmental cleaning – double cleaning in patient rooms – by specially-training housekeeping staff members, continues. These infection prevention and control practices will continue in the days and weeks to come, as we work diligently to prevent further transmission of these organisms and resolve the outbreak situation.

**Background:**

**Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)**

- MRSA outbreak was confirmed on November 5<sup>th</sup> and declared over today
- Twelve (12) cases were linked to this outbreak

**Vancomycin Resistant *Enterococcus* (VRE)**

- VRE outbreak was declared on November 18<sup>th</sup> and declared over today
- Nine (9) cases were linked to this outbreak

***Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI)**

- CDI outbreak was declared on October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Eight (8) cases have been linked to this outbreak
- Collaboration with the Peterborough County-City Health Unit continues
- There have been no new *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) cases identified since November 25<sup>th</sup> and we continue to wait out the period specified in the guidelines before declaring the CDI outbreak over.

**Hand hygiene** remains one of the most important infection prevention and control practices to stop the transmission of infectious diseases. Clean hands save lives!