

Update #5: Public Information Release

**C. diff Infection (CDI) outbreak declared over at PRHC
Visiting restrictions have been lifted on B3**

Thursday, December 23, 2010

No new cases of *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) have been identified on PRHC's B3 medical unit since November 23, 2010 and as such, the CDI outbreak is declared over. Visiting restrictions have been lifted on B3.

On December 13, 2010, PRHC declared VRE and MRSA outbreaks over on the unit.

"We are pleased that the outbreak situation is resolved, but will, of course, continue with our commitment to diligent infection prevention and control practices on B3 and throughout the hospital," says Margaret Jay, Manager, Infection Prevention & Control and Environmental Services.

"We would like to thank our patients and visitors for their patience and understanding over the last couple of months, as well as our staff members, for their ongoing efforts," added Jay.

PRHC would also like to acknowledge and thank the Peterborough County-City Health Unit staff members for their assistance and expertise over the course of the outbreak situation.

Background:

Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI)

- CDI outbreak was declared on October 22nd and declared over today
- Eight (8) cases were linked to this outbreak

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