

**Medical Director - Infection Prevention and Control
 NIAGARA HEALTH**

Niagara Health (NH) seeks a highly motivated physician with a passion for providing the highest quality care to lead the Department of Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC). The role requires dynamic leadership and vision in infection prevention, control and safety as well as expertise and consultation to meet the needs of an evolving infection prevention and control program. The IPAC Medical Director will receive a 0.5 FTE stipend, in addition to a fee-for-service Infectious Disease Consultant role.

Niagara Health is one of the largest multi-site hospitals systems in Ontario, encompassing operations in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland, Fort Erie, and Port Colborne. NH serves 434,000 residents across the 12 municipalities making up the Regional Municipality of Niagara and is home to the Niagara Regional Campus of McMaster University’s Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine.

In 2013, a new one million square foot state-of-the-art hospital opened to further enhance Niagara Health’s service to the Region. NH is positioned, by virtue of its geography and regionally distributed resources, to exemplify the best of regional capacity with local service delivery. Planning is currently underway to build an additional state of the art hospital in South Niagara Falls to provide accessible and quality healthcare to residents of the Southern Region.

Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In conjunction with the Manager of Infection Prevention and Control, will develop goals including quality improvement initiatives and organizational directions for IPAC team in alignment with overarching NH organizational goals. • Contributes medical input associated with ongoing surveillance activities, outbreak management, antimicrobial stewardship, immunization issues and others as needed. • Provides medical, scientific and epidemiological advice on matters related to infection prevention and control across the organization. • Contributes to the development and implementation of infection prevention control policies, procedures and reports; and ensures they are reviewed and updated in accordance with current evidence-based practices. • Supports the IPAC department in achieving and maintaining Accreditation readiness. • Builds credibility with physicians as champions for infection prevention and control. • Collaborates with ancillary support services in adherence to international standards to plan a safe, clean and secure
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	<p>environment for patients, staff and visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works in collaboration with front line clinicians as well as the Antibiotic Stewardship program to prevent hospital acquired infections. • Collaborate with local and regional groups as required.
<p>Academic Affiliations:</p>	<p>Since its founding in 1966, innovation has been the hallmark of McMaster University’s Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine and a major contributor to its international reputation for excellence. For five years in a row, McMaster has ranked second in Canada for biomedical and health care research revenues with much of that research conducted by scientists and physicians who teach in the medical school.</p> <p>The medical school has expanded to a regional campus in Niagara, which is located at Brock University. Students at the Niagara Regional Campus complete their clinical rotations in within Niagara Health.</p> <p>Opportunities for strengthening and building strong academic partnerships are a priority for NH as the hospital has expanded into this new facility. The IPAC Medical Director will be expected to obtain an appointment within the McMaster University’s Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine and participate in academic activities including teaching and research/quality improvement.</p> <p>In addition to McMaster, NH has strong ties with other regional academic providers such as Brock University and Niagara College.</p>
<p>Qualifications Required:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent license with the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) or eligible for Independent License • FRCP(C) Infectious Diseases Preferred (Medical Microbiology or Public Health will be considered on a case by case basis). • Completion of a one-year IPAC fellowship is required • Significant knowledge and experience in providing infection prevention and control support for a multi-site healthcare organization. • Eligible to work in Canada without restrictions 3-5 years experience • Familiarity with various IPAC related guidelines, standards and legislations. • Experience in leading/interpreting studies utilizing observational and analytic research methods and a range of data sources. • A track-record of IPAC-related research and/or quality improvement initiatives • Available to provide on-call support for IPAC after hours, weekends and holidays.

Please send Cover Letter & CV

Closing Date: Until Filled

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