

Abstract: From Tackle to Touchdown: An IPAC & Environmental Services Partnership

Infection Safety is a top priority at London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) and Environmental Services is an essential partner in an effective Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) program. Therefore, the framework for a defined partnership between IPAC and Environmental Services (ES) was developed with a high degree of commitment and accountability from IPAC and ES leadership. Key elements have included: (1) fostering an environment for sustainable multi-disciplinary engagement and leadership; 2) promoting an understanding of the important role of ES in preventing healthcare associated infections (HAIs); 3) delivering relevant staff education facilitating an understanding and ability to apply the science of cleaning and disinfection to prevent HAIs; and 4) developing a system of respect and accountability.