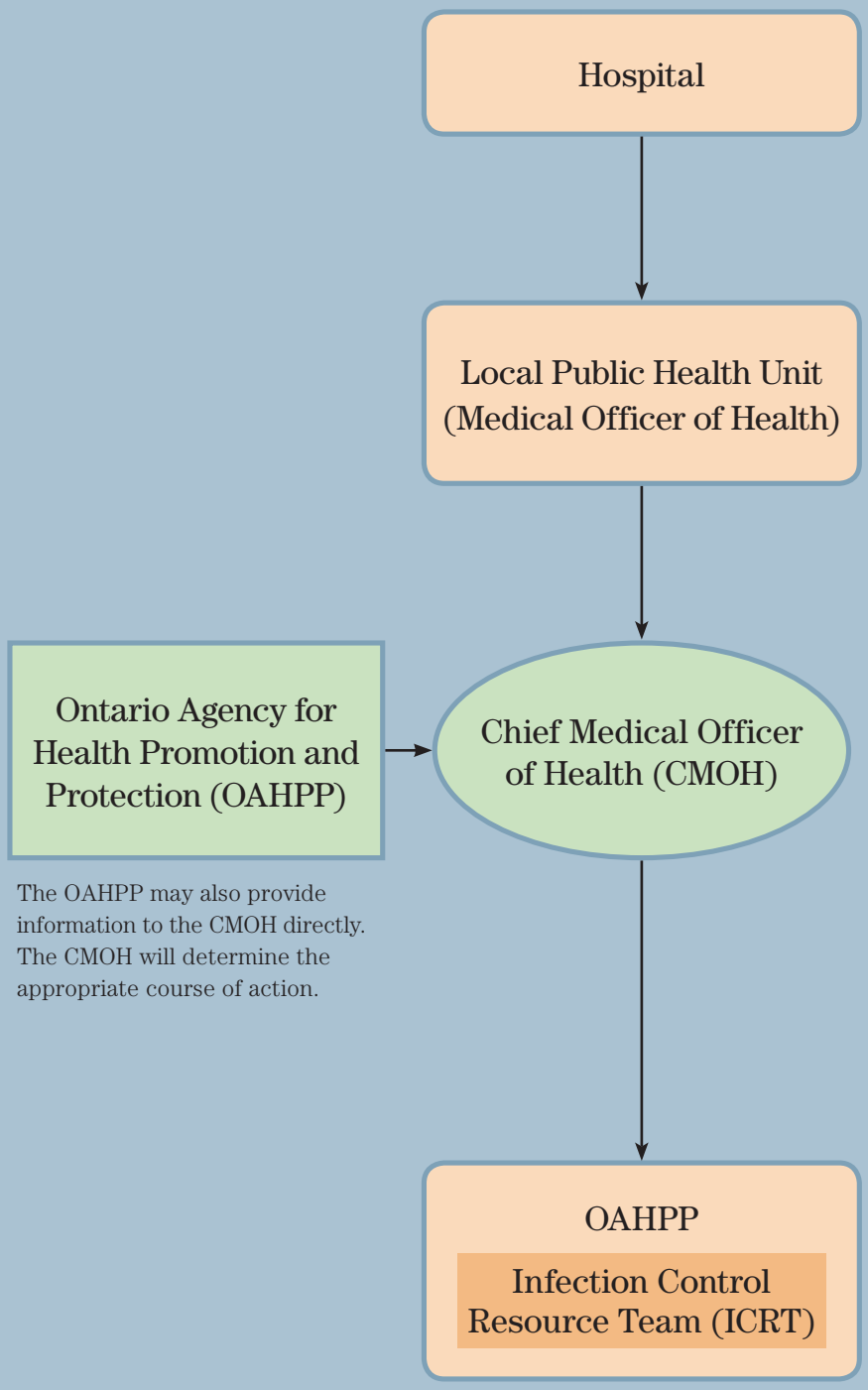
Access to Infection Control Resource Teams



Frontline support for outbreak management is available from the hospital's local public health unit. Additional best practice resources can be found by contacting the Regional Infection Control Network (RICN).

If it is determined that additional assistance is required, the local Medical Officer of Health (MOH) may notify the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH).

The CMOH will consult with the local MOH and the Infectious Diseases Branch to determine if the local resource capacity is maximized, and additional specialized expertise is required.

If so, the CMOH may direct the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP) to deploy an Infection Control Resource Team (ICRT).

The OAHPP manages the deployment of an ICRT, which provides specialized expertise and, where necessary, on-site outbreak management support to the hospital and local PHU involved in the outbreak. A report will be provided to the CMOH.

The OAHPP may also provide information to the CMOH directly. The CMOH will determine the appropriate course of action.

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