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Dear Hospital Presidents and Chief Executive Officers:

Pursuant to section 22.2 of Regulation 965 made under the *Public Hospitals Act* which deals with hospitals' disclosure of information concerning certain patient safety indicators through hospital websites, each Ontario hospital is mandated to report on its hospital website, by April 30, 2009 and by the end of every reporting period thereafter:

- its quarterly rate of central line-associated primary bloodstream infection (CLI) in ICU and ventilator associated pneumonia infection (VAP) in ICU, and
- its quarterly percent of total primary hip/knee surgical patients with antibiotic administration within the appropriate time prior to surgery or skin incision – an indicator of surgical site infection prevention (SSI-Prevention), and
- its annual hand hygiene compliance rate for:
 - for before initial patient/patient environment contact by combined categories of HCP.
 - for after patient/patient environment contact by combined categories of HCP.

The rate or percent and case information will be reported for a defined reporting period. A schedule of reporting is included in the attached Appendices, which also describes in detail the reporting methodology.

The MOHLTC will also be posting the above indicator information on its Patient Safety public website in alignment with hospital public reporting.

In addition, each Ontario public hospital is mandated to report to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, according to the reporting schedule outlined in the attached Appendices, a number of data elements regarding surgical site infection prevention and hand hygiene data collection using the Ministry's Web-Enabled Reporting System (WERS). These data elements are outlined in the attached Appendices which also include further details on case definition, indicator calculation and case reporting thresholds.

Data for the CLI and VAP patient safety indicators will be collected through the Critical Care Information System (CCIS). Hospitals will not be required to duplicate data submission for patient safety reporting.

If you have questions or require further clarification on the reporting details, please contact Sten Ardal, Director Health Analytics, at 416-327-6483 for assistance.

Sincerely,

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