

Infection Prevention and Control Summary Report

Bayview Mall Medical Offices – Dr. Vukojevic
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On January 24, 2017 Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH) initiated an investigation, as required by the *Ontario Public Health Standard, Infection Prevention and Control Complaints Protocol* of Dr. Duska Vukojevic’s medical office, as the result of regular surveillance.

On January 24, 2017, as required by Ontario Public Health Standards, HPEPH contacted the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to inform them of a potential IPAC lapse. An infection control lapse means identifying any departure from [Public Health Ontario’s Infection Control Standards](#).

During the inspection, which took place on January 24, the following infection control lapses were identified:

- Inadequate hand hygiene products
- Inappropriate storage of sharps container
- Inadequate cleaning and disinfection of work surfaces
- Personal protective equipment not readily available in exam rooms
- Reusable instruments were not stored and not handled in a manner protecting them from potential contamination
- Medical office sterilization and recording practices did not follow best practice
- Lack of knowledge of infection prevention and control policies and their location within medical office

As soon as these lapses were identified, interim measures were implemented to prevent and control infection. In addition, HPEPH consulted with Public Health Ontario (PHO) as scientific advisors and experts.

On January 25, 2017, an order under Section 13 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* was served to The Bayview Mall Medical Offices. The order stipulated that there was to be no use of the autoclave, as well as equipment used by sterilizer, until sterilization could be proven with 3 negative spore tests.

On February 8, 2017, the results of the spore test indicated a pass, the order was lifted, and equipment was again allowed to be safely reprocessed in the autoclave.

On February 17, 2017, a re-inspection of the Bayview Medical Mall Offices was conducted to assess what corrective action had been taken. All infection control measures had been acknowledged, and all requested changes had been made.

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HPEPH has been working with the physician throughout this investigation to ensure IPAC recommendations have been met. As all recommendations have been acknowledged and all requested changes have been made, HPEPH's investigation is complete.