

National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases

Mandate

The National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCID) serves to bridge the ongoing research and evidence in emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases with the program and policy questions of front-line public health practitioners and policy-makers.

Goals & Objectives

- ◆ Protect the health of Canadians by facilitating the use of evidence and emerging research on infectious diseases to inform public health programs and policy
- ◆ Encourage the integration of evidence on infectious diseases into public health programs, policies, and practices
- ◆ Enable collaborative responses by relevant stakeholders, including public health policy-makers, practitioners, and researchers, to public health issues and needs in the area of infectious diseases

Work to Date

- ◆ Conducted the Foresight Exercise to identify emerging priorities and trends in infectious diseases in Canada
- ◆ Developed an HIV Prevention initiative to re-invigorate HIV prevention in Canada through a more strategic, coordinated, and evidence-based approach
- ◆ Surveyed public health practitioners from each province and territory on sources of and gaps in knowledge related to HIV prevention and on priorities in HIV preventions
- ◆ Presented prevention evidence and issues at meetings of HIV service providers, public health practitioners, and AIDS service organizations
- ◆ Translated health information on pandemic influenza into health knowledge products for businesses (www.pandemicbusinesstoolkit.ca)

Current Activities 2007-2008

- ◆ Consulting with national, regional, and local partners and stakeholders to identify priority evidence-based areas for the work of the centre
- ◆ Producing evidence-based reviews on the spread of HIV and on interventions
- ◆ Sharing survey results on evidence and knowledge related to HIV prevention
- ◆ Co-hosting the national HIV Prevention Forum with the Public Health Agency of Canada
- ◆ Conducting regional think tanks and other consultative forums to engage stakeholders in information-sharing on evidence-based policies and interventions to prevent the spread of HIV
- ◆ Sharing HIV prevention knowledge and evidence with Canada's Aboriginal community, in partnership with the NCC for Aboriginal Health
- ◆ Contributing to the mapping of public health functions in the area of infectious disease surveillance and control, and exploring a possible joint project to examine key issues related to infectious diseases and immigration policy with the NCC for Healthy Public Policy
- ◆ Continuing to present prevention evidence and issues at relevant meetings

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