

Canadian Hospitals Environmental Services Study (CHESS)

We are ready for your input...

More than 240 health care facilities in Canada have been invited to participate in the Canadian Hospitals Environmental Services Study (CHESS).

Environmental managers and infection prevention professionals representing Canadian acute care facilities of 80 beds or more should have received an invitation to complete a survey developed by our CHESS steering committee.

This is an extremely important research project, which we anticipate will have a huge impact on the future of health care environmental cleaning.

Please take the time to complete the survey to its fullest potential.

The CHESS study will assess environmental cleaning and disinfection in hospitals across Canada and the inputs

infection control programs have to environmental services. The association of these factors with healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) will be examined. CHESS is a unique and valuable project and these associations have not been rigorously investigated over a large jurisdiction such as Canada. CHESS should provide new strategies for improving environmental services in hospitals and help reduce HAIs, resulting in reduced morbidity, mortality and healthcare costs.

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The Canadian Hospitals Environmental Services Survey

Scope of Investigation

- Assess environmental cleaning and disinfection resources and practices
- Reduce the impact of various protocols in effort to control Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI)
- Examine interaction between Environmental Services (ES) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)
- Provide strategies for improving environmental services to help reduce HAI's
- Ultimately, reduce morbidity, mortality and health care costs

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