

## **IC3:0100 Accreditation Standards**

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

Accreditation standards referred to in this document as guidelines for the development of an infection control program. These accreditation standards are relevant to the elements of an infection control program. Accreditation standards focus on measurements, outcomes and incorporate a framework for continuous improvement of the quality and effectiveness of care and service.

### **2.0 DEFINITION**

Accreditation is an approach used by many health care and social services organizations. An Accreditation program is designed to improve client outcomes and health system performance. It helps the entire organization work together to create a focus on safety and quality.

### **3.0 GUIDELINES**

- 3.1 The elements of an infection control program are in **Table 1: IC2 0100**; these elements should be reviewed and used as guidelines for the development of an infection control program.
- 3.2 When being accredited by Accreditation Canada please refer to the most current Infection Prevention and Control Accreditation Standards to help identify the type of information that should be included in each element of an infection prevention and control program at the following web-site:  
<http://www.accreditation-canada.ca/default.aspx?page=153&aud=9>
- 3.3 Fraser Health Infection Prevention and Control Consultant will assist the facilities to meet accreditation guidelines as needed.