

Job Title:	Infection Control Research Volunteer	<u>VOLUNTEER SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>
Department:	Infection Control - A wing, Main floor	
Reports To:	Volunteer Engagement	
Approved by:	Human Resources and Volunteer Engagement	
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INFECTION CONTROL RESEARCH VOLUNTEER

Position Summary:

We are seeking an enthusiastic individual interested in health sciences research in infection prevention and control. The role will work collaboratively with the IPAC department to collect and analyze hand hygiene compliance data on clinical units throughout the hospital. Hand hygiene compliance is an important part of the Brant Community Healthcare System's Quality Improvement Plan and plays a vital role in keeping our patients and staff safe.

Specific Accountabilities/Key Deliverables:

- The volunteer will be generally responsible to Volunteer Engagement in accordance with volunteer guidelines.
- While on duty volunteers will report to staff in the Infection Control Department.

Qualifications:

- Excellent observational skills
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as a part of a team
- Computer literacy

Mandatory Certification/Registration (if applicable):

- Attend General Hospital Orientation arranged by Volunteer Engagement.
- Complete Medworxx training for Hand Hygiene Auditors.
- Attend Departmental Orientation: Hands-on training with iPads and hand hygiene auditing software.
- Training may include:
 - A tour of the unit and other appropriate hospital areas.
 - Introduction to staff and volunteers.
 - Will involve pairing the new volunteer with an experienced volunteer or staff member.
- Volunteer sign-in.

Responsibilities:

- Sign in at the Volunteer Lounge.
- Wear Volunteer I.D. badge and uniform.
- Report to Infection Control.

- Assist with duties requested by staff which may include, but not limited to:
 - Completing hand hygiene audits on clinical inpatient and outpatient units.
 - Compiling evaluation/survey data.
 - Other duties as assigned.
- Complete one 2-hour shift weekly (morning preferred).
- Sign out in the Volunteer Lounge.

Additional Comments:

Volunteers who do not adhere to the policies and guidelines of the volunteer program are subject to a progressive discipline procedure including:

1. Discussion of concern.
2. Opportunities to correct.
3. Evaluation.
4. Dismissal if necessary.

Note: This procedure will include the volunteer, Manager or designate, and Volunteer Engagement.

Working Conditions:

1. Infection Control

- Responsibility of everyone.
- Volunteers are expected to adhere to infection control guidelines and polices.
- Volunteers are not required or responsible for cleaning up any form of patient bodily fluid.

2. Physical Effort/ Environment

- This position is primarily active involving standing and walking.

3. Patient Safety

- Safety (patient, worker & workplace) is a BCHS Corporate Priority. Volunteers will demonstrate good stewardship in the identification, reporting and mitigation of unsafe acts or conditions.
- Volunteers are expected to use and maintain safety devices and personal protective equipment correctly including hand washing.
- Volunteers have been oriented to the Emergency plans and are familiar with emergency response plans.

Benefits & Opportunities:

- Unique experience to work directly in a large community hospital with physicians, nurses, allied health professionals and patients.
- Member of an exciting and innovative quality improvement research team dedicated to improving patient safety.

Application:

- Please submit your resume along with a 250 word statement detailing your interest in the role.