In November of 2011, Woodstock Hospital was set to relocate from one end of the city to another. Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) played a large role in various initiatives and patient safety check points. When searching for clarification in IPAC’s role there was none to be found. There are minimal resources available for proper guidelines with respect to Infection Control and hospital relocation.

Results:

Through interviews with other hospitals who had recently moved to a new build, we were told that PPE became very confusing and staff were not aware of when to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In order to minimize confusion a “ticket to ride” was created and placed on the doors of isolated patients indentifying the PPE needed for the transporter and the patient. On the day of the hospital move, IPAC placed the posters on the designated doors and one ICP was available on the units until each patient had been moved.

LESSONS LEARNED

• Proper training and planning prior to move day enhanced a smooth transition
• The posters created by the Infection Control department were helpful for staff reference, especially during the day of the move
• Infection Control presence on units during patient moves and in equipment cleaning areas provided support for staff and ensured protocol and procedures were followed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A special thanks to the hard working staff at Woodstock Hospital who partnered with us in the creation of the protocols and procedures for the move.

Nothing to disclose.