



# IPAC NL: It's A Team Thing

## Presenter Information



***Gina Elliott, BNRN LGH***

Gina graduated with her Bachelor of Nursing in 2007 from the University of New Brunswick. She started working as a float nurse at Curtis Memorial Hospital in St. Anthony and has held various positions in the organization: ICU, OR, med-surg, mental health, and obstetrics. She currently works as the Infection Control & Patient Safety Coordinator in St. Anthony, NL. Gina is responsible for Curtis Memorial Hospital, John M Grey long term care facility, 3 health centers, and 4 community clinics.

***Dr. Grynspan, MD MSc FFPH MOH Eastern Health***

Dr. Delphine Grynspan is Regional Medical Officer of Health. Prior to working in NL, she worked as a communicable disease control specialist in London, UK and a public health doctor in London and the south east of England. After her original training in medicine in Paris, France, she obtained her fellowship in public health medicine from the UK FPH and a MPH from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. As part of her current and previous roles, she has worked extensively on the control and management of tuberculosis in at risk communities.



***Tracy Macdonald, RN MHS, Central Health***

A graduate from the St. Francis Xavier Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in 1999, Tracy completed a Masters of Health Studies' distance program through Athabasca University in April 2010. Tracy has worked in a variety of areas including Infection Prevention and Control and her most recent position is a Risk & Patient Safety Manager with Central Health. Tracy is a lover of the outdoors and enjoys camping, kayaking, and skiing with her entire family. Tracy has been the Central Rep. with ARNNL since 2015 and thoroughly enjoys being part of shaping the future of nursing for our province.

***Sonya Duggan***

Sonya was born and raised in Pasadena, NL. She graduated high school and then attended Memorial University. Sonya has a Business Degree and has lived in the St. John's area ever since (not for the weather). Sonya currently works at NL Hydro. She is a wife to a wonderful, loving husband and mommy to two adorable, independent four year olds.



***Ashley Ryan, BN RN Eastern Health***

Ashley graduated with her Bachelor of Nursing in 2007 from the Centre for Nursing Studies in St. John's, NL. She started her nursing career as a pediatric emergency department nurse at the Janeway Children's Hospital. She would spend the next 7 years there before moving into her current role as an Infection Control Practitioner. Ashley is heavily involved in both the cleanliness strategy project at Eastern Health and ATP testing. Ashley loves to travel in her spare time and is a CrossFit athlete. She has two pugs and enjoys spending time with them and her husband. She is currently working on her master's in nursing.



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***Kelly Smith, BSc BN, CIC Eastern Health***

Kelly began her nursing career in her home town of Buchan's in the cottage hospital. After a short stint in her hometown, Kelly moved to St. John's where she worked at the Grace Hospital and then the Health Sciences Centre. Her passion was children so Kelly moved to the NICU at the Janeway Children's Hospital where she would spend the bulk of her career. In 2011, Kelly changed positions and took on a role in Infection Prevention and Control in long term care. She is currently the Special Projects Coordinator where she has assisted in developing and executing the hand hygiene strategy for the province. Kelly has two daughters and in her spare time, enjoys spending time with her husband, girls

***Jennifer Happe, M.Sc, Epidemiologist, Alberta Health Services***

Jennifer, started her career as a medical researcher investigating alternative therapies for Clostridium difficile infection (CDI), including clinical drug trials and fecal transplants, before transitioning into the role of Infection Control Practitioner in central Alberta. Jennifer has a varied portfolio with experience overseeing acute care, long term care, mental health and cancer care. Jennifer's enthusiasm for Infection Prevention and Control led to her appointment as the Chair of IPAC Canada's Surveillance and Epidemiology Interest Group (SAEIG) and an IPAC Canada representative on the Canadian Patient Safety Institute's (CPSI) national surveillance definition

