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**Coming Soon to CICN**



Do you need to stay up to date with current IPAC news and have access to recent articles?

Sign up today to receive *e-focus*; our new electronic monthly newsletter. English— <http://eepurl.com/caW7>

**The MOHLTC invite you to register for this upcoming Hand Hygiene Webinar**

REGISTRATION:

[Long-Term Care Homes webinar](#)

[Public Health Units webinar](#)



## Just Clean Your Hands Adapted for Use in Long-Term Care!



The Just Clean Your Hands program created for acute care settings has now been designed especially for Long Term Care! This is exciting news as throughout the development and rollout of JCYH – Acute Care there were many requests from LTC about implementing the program in their homes.

In the fall of 2008, the MOHLTC began looking at how this program could be adapted for LTC settings and soon development was in progress including focus groups with stakeholders from LTC and the establishment of a task force to provide expert advice for creation of the program components.

Early in the new year, each Long Term Care home will receive a letter announcing the program and a JCYH-LTC Training Kit. Following this, the program will rollout across the province between January and April 2010 with corresponding training sessions offered by the Regional Infection Control Networks. For more information visit the RICN website [www.ricn.on.ca](http://www.ricn.on.ca) or call your local RICN office for training details.

### RICN Non-Acute Care ICP Training Program Achievement!



The RICN Non-Acute Care Infection Control Professional (ICP) Training Program Working Group is pleased to announce that the RICN Non Acute Care ICP Training Program has now received CHICA-Canada endorsement. This means that we can use the official CHICA-Canada logo and the designation "Endorsed by CHICA-Canada" on our course materials and advertising.

This endorsement means that this program meets the stringent criteria established by CHICA-Canada and will be listed on the CHICA-Canada website alongside other established training programs. Our course is unique in that it has been designed specifically for ICPs in non acute care settings in Ontario such as, long term care, primary healthcare, home healthcare and public health. The program consists of 12 modules that are delivered over a 12 month period. It is intended for the ICP who is new in their role and/or has no other formal infection prevention and control training. If you are interested in this program and would like more detail contact your local RICN office or visit our website!

## One More Reason to Become a CHICA-Canada Member!

<http://www.chica.org/AuditToolkit/toolkithome.html>



Frequently in the *Focus On* news we promote the many benefits of membership with CHICA-Canada. This month, there is another very good reason to join Canada's only national, professional association for Infection Prevention and Control.

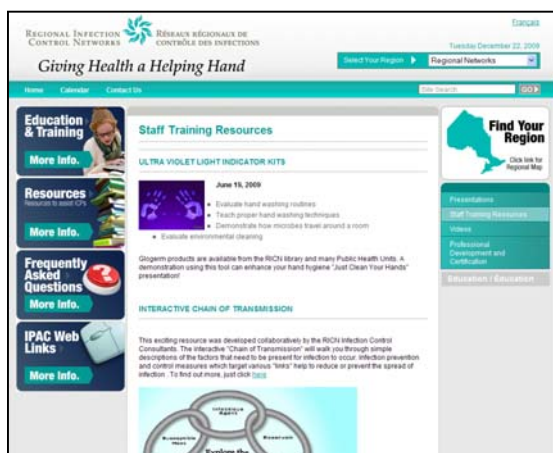
CHICA-Canada is pleased to announce the launch of 10 Infection Prevention and Control audit tools for CHICA-Canada members as part of National Infection Control Week. These tools are the first of a series that will be released over the next few months. We hope that these audit tools will support you to measure your success at moving best evidence into best practices in your organizations. The full audit toolkit will be available at the June 2010 conference.

The CHICA-Canada audit tools in this toolkit include:

- hand hygiene (readiness and practice)
- use of additional precautions (AP)
- use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- cleaning and disinfection of client/patient/resident equipment
- healthcare environment cleaning (including ward/department kitchens)
- hemodialysis practices, equipment, facility and management of AROs
- prehospital/emergency services
- outbreak management
- disinfection and sterilization in the doctor's office
- operating room infection prevention and control practices, asepsis and surgical scrub

The data derived from audits can be used to direct the infection prevention and control program's annual goals and objectives. It also will assist in meeting the needs of the health care setting in relation to infection prevention and control standards and safer health care practices. CHICA Members now have access —just sign on with your member's username and password!

## Featuring....New Resources on the RICN Website!



If you haven't checked out the RICN website recently we invite you to visit and discover "what's new". Over the past few months there have been new features added that we think you might find useful!

- The Interactive Chain of Transmission
- Workshop Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions
- The Infection Prevention and Control Pocket Guide for Acute Care Settings
- Practical Web Links
- Educational Event Calendar
- Resources that are offered in both French and English
- About the RICN and much more....

In addition to searching the Provincial RICN website browse the regional sites by clicking on the drop down box that says "Select your Region". On the Regional Web Pages you can find local news and library listings as well as a variety of interesting tools and unique resources. To find the website search "RICN Ontario" OR connect to [www.ricn.on.ca](http://www.ricn.on.ca)



## Just Clean Your Hands (LTC)

The CICN is holding seven full day Train the Trainer educational sessions through January and February 2010.

Date	Location	Language
January 21, 2010	Almonte Country Haven	English
January 22, 2010	Centre d'accueil Roger-Seguin	French
February 2, 2010	St Joseph's Villa	English
February 4, 2010	Salvation Army Grace Manor	English
February 8, 2010	Centre d'accueil Champlain	French
February 11, 2010	Granite Ridge Specialty Care	English
February 17, 2010	Marionhill Nursing Home Inc	English

For more information, contact the CICN at 613-761-4833 or [info@cicn-rcic.on.ca](mailto:info@cicn-rcic.on.ca).

### CIC Study Group

If you are interested in attaining CIC certification and would like information on joining a study group, contact:

[info@cicn-rcic.on.ca](mailto:info@cicn-rcic.on.ca)

### 'Living' Commitment to Hand Hygiene!



Invite staff members to trace an outline of one or both of their hands. Signed tracings of hands

symbolize people's commitment to hand hygiene .

See [Rise to the Occasion](#) for details.

The Champlain Infection Control Network is pleased to introduce Catherine Harvey , 4th year nursing student from Algonquin College. Catherine will complete her consolidation requirements working in the exciting field of Infection Prevention and Control! Welcome!

### Congratulations!

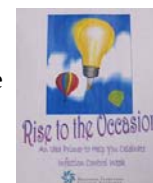


The Champlain Infection Control Network would like to extend congratulations to our 2 newest CIC in the Champlain region. Recently, Shivon Konink, Health, Safety and Education Coordinator at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, successfully challenged the Certification exam. It is with great pleasure that the Champlain Infection Control Network also acknowledges and congratulates Tim Doyle, Public Health Nurse with Ottawa Public Health. Shivon and Tim have attained Certification in Infection Prevention and Control and Epidemiology and for the next 5 years can use the Certification in Infection Control (CIC) designation after their name.

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### Resource Highlight!!!

The Idea Primer "[Rise to the Occasion](#)" and the "[Primer Addition 2008](#)" have been developed to provide you with amazing and innovative ideas for IPAC activities.



**GermWise Kit:** Will help you teach proper way to clean hands. Portable, instructions included.

**Glitter Bug Maxi Kit:** Provides a visual way of teaching & testing Hand Hygiene. Perfect for larger groups.



For more information, contact us at [info@cicn-rcic.on.ca](mailto:info@cicn-rcic.on.ca)

**You are invited to join us in the CICN boardroom for Webber Teleclasses  
Contact us at [info@cicn-rcic.on.ca](mailto:info@cicn-rcic.on.ca)**

**Webber Training 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**January 28**

[Improved Oral Hygiene in Intubated Patients to Prevent Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia](#)

**February 9**

[\(British Teleclass\) Post-Discharge Surveillance Made Easy](#)

**February 11**

[International Trends in Sharps Injury Prevention](#)

**February 17**

[\(South Pacific Teleclass\) Influenza H1N1 - The Southern Hemisphere Experience](#)

**February 18**

[Stopping URIs and Flu in the Family: The Stuffy Trial](#)

**February 25**

[Influenza in the Hospital – Who Gets it From Whom](#)

**March 4**

[\(Novice Teleclass\) An Introduction to Infection Prevention for the Novice Preventionist](#)

**March 11**

[\(Novice Teleclass\) MRSA Prevention Basics](#)

**March 18**

[\(Novice Teleclass\) How to Prepare for CIC Certification Without Becoming Certifiable](#)

**March 23**

[\(Free Teleclass\) Voices of CHICA - part 1](#)

**March 25**

[\(Novice Teleclass\) Infections in the Elderly](#)

**April 1**

[Microbial Control of Electronic Medical Equipment](#)

**April 8**

[Simple Precautions - Simplifying Infection Control](#)

For more information: [www.webbertraining.com](http://www.webbertraining.com)

Don't miss the following videoconference

**Lunch & Learn Sessions**

in the CICN boardroom.

*Antibiotic Resistant Organisms:* January 21, 2010

*Surveillance:* February 18, 2010

*Auditing Infection Control Practices:* March 25, 2010

*Construction & Renovation:* April 15, 2010

*Employee Health & IPAC:* May 20, 2010

*Isolation Practices for Tuberculosis:* June 17, 2010

Target audience: All front line staff across the continuum of care (Acute Care, Long Term Care, Community and Public Health)

**Funding Opportunities**

**Ontario ICP's**

Funds are available from the Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO)

SARS Memorial Fund & the Rolling Stones/CPI Awards

**Ecolab Poster Contest**

*Deadline January 31*

You are invited to design a poster that will be used for Infection Control Week 2010. The 2010 theme is:

*Infection Control – It's Simple*

**Virox National Conference Fund**

**Scholarship** *Deadline January 31!*

The purpose of this fund is to financial assistance to eligible Infection Control Practitioners in the Form of a scholarship to attend the CHICA-Canada Annual National Conference

Visit the CHICA-Canada website for more information.  
[www.chica.org](http://www.chica.org)

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