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What is the Champlain Infection Prevention and Control Network (CIPCN)?

The CIPCN is part of a new initiative, funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to maximize coordination and integration of activities related to the prevention, surveillance and control of infectious diseases across the health care continuum on a regional basis. The “Network” is a voluntary affiliation of health care institutions, facilities, providers and organizations. The network is designed to support the cooperation in and collaboration for infection prevention and control activities in the region.

Who are the members of CIPCN?

The Network staff currently consists of a Regional Coordinator (Colette Ouellet), Administrative Secretary (TBA), and Medical Leader (Dr. Gary Garber and Dr. Virginia Roth). There is a Network Steering Committee comprised of 10 individuals from across the healthcare spectrum, with wide representation across the region. Eligible members of the network include, but are not limited to Public Health Units, acute care facilities, non-acute care facilities, long term care facilities, first responders and community providers.

What geographic area is covered by the CIPCN?

The CIPCN covers a wide geographic span, from Deep River to Cornwall, along the Quebec border, and extending west to Barry’s Bay. This area corresponds to the boundaries established for our Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), and is home to over 9.5% of the province’s population. A map of our LHIN can be found at:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation/lhin/maps/lhin_map_11.pdf.



Who is the network accountable to?

The Network Coordinator and Steering Committee are accountable to the MOHLTC for the program operation and outcomes.

Are there other networks?

Yes, four “early-adopter” networks have been funded by the MOHLTC. By the end of 2007, all 14 LHINs will have operational networks. The other early adopter networks are: Northwest Ontario (Thunder Bay and region), Kingston area and Central-South (Hamilton-Niagara).

What are some of the benefits of being part of this network?

There are many benefits to being a part of CIPCN. Access to expert resources or referral to appropriate expertise, networking, sharing of information and resources, collaboration for policy and procedure development, and facilitation of education are some of the main benefits.

What are the responsibilities for my facility or agency when we join the network?

You will be asked to participate in a needs survey to determine infection prevention and control resources in the region, take part in surveillance activities, communicate pertinent infection prevention and control issues and participate in evaluation of the network

How do I contact the network?

At this time, you can contact Colette Ouellet at (613) 798-5555 ext 17474 or via email at couellet@ottawahospital.on.ca. We are in the process of establishing an office and new coordinates will be sent to you as soon as possible.

The CIPCN Steering Committee

Chair:

Sandra Keon

Members:

- Public Health: Ottawa representative
- Public Health: Outside Ottawa representative
- Infection Control: Acute Care representative
- Infection Control: Continuing Care representative
- Infection Control: Non-acute Care representative
- Pediatrics representative
- Microbiology representative
- Senior Administration representative (Host hospital)
- Senior Administration representative
- First Nations Inuit Health representative

- Ellie Wylie
- Dr. Robert Bourdeau
- Inez Landry
- Donna Baker
- Bridget Callaghan
- Dr. Kathryn Suh
- Dr. Baldwin Toye
- Dr. James Worthington
- Dr. Simon-Pierre Soucie
- Raymonde Hickey

Ex-Officio Members:

- Network Coordinator
- Network Medical Coordinator
- Provincial Coordinator

- Colette Ouellet
- Dr. Gary Garber/Dr. Virginia Roth
- Patricia Syms-Sutherland

CIPCN Bulletins



FEBRILE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS (FRI)

A revised Febrile Respiratory Illness (FRI) document from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is now available on www.health.gov.on.ca website. This document replaces the previous standards for FRI for acute care, non-acute, community settings in non-outbreak and the high-risk procedures in non-outbreak settings. The document deals with droplet spread respiratory illnesses.

The main changes are:

- Streamlined reporting mechanisms for FRI,
- Clearer instructions around screening for FRI (active and passive),
- Clarification of need for negative pressure air flow for high risk procedures,
- An abbreviated screening question format and
- Information on discontinuing precautions.



UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS

- Dissecting the New FRI Guidelines
- A Profile of your CIPCN Steering Committee members
- Influenza Season and Information on Influenza Vaccinations for 2005-2006
- Norovirus News
- A Report on Pandemic Influenza



EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

CHICA conference: The Community and Hospital Infection Control Association is hosting its annual conference entitled "Bridging Global Partnerships" in London, Ontario from May 6-10 2006. Further information can be found at <http://www.chica.org/>.

