



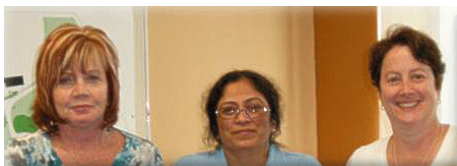
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CIC Study Group Members Cross the Finish Line!

CSICN congratulates 2009-10 CIC Study Group members (L-R) *Sandy Dunnett, Nalini Agnihotri and Debbie*



Demizio on the successful completion of the Certification in Infection Control (CIC) exam! The ladies attended the CSICN Study Group sessions this past year and cross the finish line by writing the exam last month. Way to go ladies!!! If you are preparing to write the certification exam and would like the support



of a study group, a drop-in session for the fall series is scheduled for September 10th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the First Floor Staff Training Room here at St. Joseph's Villa. Participation by video-conference for the series will be offered again this term.

CHICA-Canada Conference

May 29 – June 3, 2010

Staff from the Regional Infection Control Networks were proud to highlight the work of Infection Control Professionals across Ontario at the recent CHICA-Canada Conference held in Vancouver in June 2010. In fact, seven of the oral presentations were made by RICN staff, and RICNs were involved in presenting or supporting numerous posters on Infection Control initiatives and findings. Well done, Ontario!



The next CHICA-Canada conference is being held in Toronto from May 29 to June 3, 2011. We will once again have a great opportunity to showcase our work. Think about your local experiences and consider submitting an abstract to help inform others of your good work! Have you successfully averted an outbreak, developed new educational methods and tools, standardized a process in your facility for surveillance, brought in a new policy that has made a difference to patient care, developed an audit, created a tool to help staff practice more safely, dealt with an unusual situation..... the possibilities are endless! If you have thoughts about an issue or project you would like to share, and you need coaching or assistance in putting your thoughts together and writing up an abstract, talk to the folks in your RICN office. It is not as overwhelming a process as it might appear and it gives one a great sense of accomplishment and professional pride to see your work highlighted in this way.



One exciting opportunity we are particularly excited about for next year's conference is the first ever Designates Day (Monday May 31, 2011). Targeted at individuals who are involved in infection prevention and control activities but are not specifically assigned the role of Infection Control Professional at their organization, this full-day session will support and expand understanding with a view to expanding their IPAC role. For more information, please visit www.chica.org

Planning Your IPAC Activities in LTC

The goals of any Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) program are to protect residents from health care associated infections (HAIs) and to prevent the spread of infections between residents, staff, visitors and others in the health care environment. Below are some activities that Infection Control Professionals (ICPs) engage in to meet these goals over the course of a year, by season.



Summer is a great time to take stock of the IPAC program. Assess areas of strength and identify areas where improvements are needed. Additionally, use the summer months to look ahead and plan your influenza vaccine campaign roll out and Infection Control Week celebrations (Infection Control Week 2010 is October 18 – 22). Resources are available for your use! To access them, contact your local RICN.

Autumn is an opportunity to reach out to the front-lines! Provide education to staff regarding influenza vaccination, healthy workplace policy, proper hygiene, and control of infections. Remind residents and visitors to report signs and symptoms of illness and avoid contact with others while symptoms persist.

Winter can be a challenging time for ICPs – enhanced surveillance to detect possible outbreaks and emphasis on hand hygiene will go a long way in preventing and minimizing the duration of disease outbreaks.

Spring is the perfect opportunity to take a deep breath and look back at the events of the winter. It's a great time to review outbreaks that occurred over the winter in detail to determine how such outbreaks might be effectively prevented in the future. Share 'lessons learned' with staff and administration and work on incorporating them into current policies and procedures where appropriate.

For great tools to help you plan your IPAC activities visit our website at: www.ricn.on.ca and click on the Education and Training tab.

Remember that everyone has a role in Infection Control. Work together and have fun with it!



Doing it Right!

Don't miss the CAEM/RICN Conference at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood on September 19-21st. One of the highlights of this year's conference will be the launch of the much anticipated Environmental Cleaning Educational Toolkit, a collaboration between RICN, CAEM and OHHA with support from the OAHPP and the MOHLTC and based on the PIDAC best practice document.

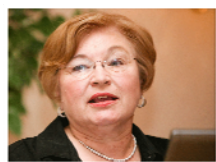
For registration information, visit the CAEM website: www.caenvironmentalmanagement.com

CHICA-HANDIC Education Day— All in the Family

Health Care Providers from acute care, long term care, public health, community and industry gathered on June 17th to enjoy a day of learning and networking at our annual education day. This year’s theme covered topics which captured infection control throughout the various phases and situations of our lifespan.

Agenda topics engaged participants from the various sectors.

- Eva Hatzis addressed the challenges with infection control and prevention in a Day Care setting;
- Risa Cashmore shared the issues staff encounter during Home Care visits;
- Dr. Martha Fulford engrossed attendees with very descriptive scenarios on how the various applications of body art carried out in Personal Service Settings (or not), can disfigure and/or become infected, and she left us tingling after her bed bug narratives;
- We heard about interesting situations and how to overcome them from the mental health setting shared by Linda Fletcher
- Liz Rykert gave us innovative perspectives on Positive Deviance and its successes when used to enable frontline staff.
- A choreographed show and tell of the bounty of IPAC resources delivered by Stefanie Ralph and Virginia Tirilis was followed by a synopsis of the day by Mark Jefferson.



Congratulations to *May Griffiths-Turner*, this year’s HANDIC Hygiea Award winner!!

Acute Care ARO Point Prevalence Survey

Canadian acute care hospitals with more than 50 beds have been invited to participate in a survey to determine the prevalence of MRSA, VRE and *C. difficile*. This project will provide important Canadian data about the burden of disease, risk factors associated with these organisms as well as inform effective control strategies.

CHICA-Canada supports and is a co-investigator in this initiative. RICNs also encourage your participation.

An infection control professional in your hospital should have received an e-mail invitation to participate in this point prevalence survey in November 2010. Questions about this project can be addressed to either Dr. Allison McGeer (amcgeer@mtsinai.on.ca) or Dr. Andrew Simor (asimor@sunnybrook.ca).

More information about this project is available at: <http://microbiology.mtsinai.on.ca/research/aro-prevalence-study/>

They're Heere.....

The lanyard cards are in! We have ordered a supply of Additional Precautions and Taking Off Personal Protective Equipment (bilingual combo) lanyard cards. Please contact us or your Regional Infection Control Office and ask about their availability.





Mark Your Calendar!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Niagara Long Term Care Infection Control Group

Next meeting October 12, 2010:

Location: United Mennonite Home, Vineland
9:00 am - 10:30 am

Hamilton (and area) Long Term Care Infection Control Group

Next meeting September 30, 2010:

Location: St. Joseph's Villa, Boardroom
8:00 am - 10:00 am

UPCOMING EDUCATION SESSION

EMS Education Day

September 29, 2010

Location: *Old City of Stoney Creek City Hall, Hwy #8*

Public Health / LTC Education Day

Hamilton: October 6, 2010

Location: *TBA*

Niagara: September 30, 2010, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Location: *Club Italia, Niagara Falls*

Halton: October 21, 2010, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Location: *Halton Public Health, Oakville*

TB: What we know...what lies beneath

November 14-15, 2010

For more information go to:

<http://www.on.lung.ca/Page.aspx?pid=439>

FREE WEBINAR

Endoscope Reprocessing

Thursday, August 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by *Infection Control Today* magazine

For more information go to:

<http://www.infectioncontrolday.com/webinars/2010/08/advancements-in-endoscope-reprocessing.aspx>

WEBBER TRAINING

All teleclasses are offered *free* at the CSICN office from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Call the office to reserve your spot.

September 2

FREE (South Pacific) *Live Broadcast from the NDICN Conference, New Zealand. Creating a Culture of Quality and Safety to Reduce Nosocomial Infections*

September 9

Planning for the Infectious Disease Disasters in Ambulatory Care Centres

September 16

Lessons Learned from the Canadian Listeria Outbreak

September 20

FREE (British Teleclass) *Live Broadcast from the IPS Conference in the UK. The Evolving Role of Epidemiology in Infection Prevention*

September 22

FREE (British Teleclass) *Live Broadcast from the IPS Conference in the UK. Preventing and Controlling ESBLs, the Future is Here*

September 28

FREE Teleclass: Voices of CHICA, Part 2

September 30

Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV

FALL JCYHs SESSIONS

The MOHLTC Hand Hygiene initiative continues. CSICN will be holding education sessions to cover Part 3— Auditing & Data Entry. Contact the CSICN office to reserve your spot!



Wednesday, September 15, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

St. Joseph's Villa Auditorium

Thursday, September 30th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Club Italia, Niagara Falls

Brantford / Haldimand-Norfolk Locations – **TBA**

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