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*N.W.O.I.C.N. Upcoming Educational Videoconferences*

October 19, 2006 *Community Acquired MRSA* 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. Presenters: Pat Piaskowski, Regional Coordinator. Host Site: N.W.O.I.C.N. Thunder Bay, Ontario

November 16, 2006 Videoconference. Topic: TBA. Host Site: N.W.O.I.C.N. Thunder Bay, ON.

December 7, 2006 *Patient Safety & Infection Control* 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. Presenter: Nancy Robertson, Infection Control & Safety Officer, St. Joseph's Care Group, Thunder Bay. Host Site: N.W.O.I.C.N. Thunder Bay, ON.

If you would like to register your site for these videoconferences, contact Brandy Ponka by phone (807) 683-1755 or email [ponkab@tbh.net](mailto:ponkab@tbh.net) to register your site. Please ensure your site is reserved for these sessions.

If you don't have videoconference capabilities, and would like to attend these educational sessions at the network or would like a list of sites registered in the region, contact Brandy to register by phone (807) 683-1755 or email [ponkab@tbh.net](mailto:ponkab@tbh.net).

*OHA Health Achieve*

What are the dates for OHA HealthAchieve2006?

November 6, 7 & 8, 2006 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building.

When will on-line registration commence?

On-line registration is now available by visiting [www.ohahealthachieve.com](http://www.ohahealthachieve.com)

*Ontario Hospital Association Videoconference*

The OHA is hosting a videoconference on October 19, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on "Surveillance 101: Developing an Infection Control Surveillance Program". There are three sites registered: Dryden Regional Hospital, N.W.O.I.C.N. in Thunder Bay and Wilson Memorial Hospital in Marathon. If you are interested and would like to participate at either of these sites contact Brandy Ponka by email [ponkab@tbh.net](mailto:ponkab@tbh.net) or phone 807-683-1755 to register. If you want to register your site go to [www.oha.com](http://www.oha.com).

*Long-Term Care Teleconferences/ Videoconferences*

The N.W.O.I.C.N. will be hosting the following teleconferences:

November 14, 2006 *Noro Virus* 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST. Presenter: Lyle Wiebe, Environmental Health Specialist, Northwestern Health Unit, Kenora. Host Site: N.W.O.I.C.N.

December 12, 2006 *Group A Strep* 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST Presenters: Marilyn Stewart, Public Health Nurse, Thunder bay District Health Unit & Dr. Bob Bannatyne, Medical Microbiologist, Thunder Bay District Health Unit. Host Site: N.W.O.I.C.N.

If you would like to register for these videoconferences/teleconferences, please contact Brandy Ponka by phone (807)683-1755 or email [ponkab@tbh.net](mailto:ponkab@tbh.net).

Please ensure your site is reserved, and give Brandy your site and system number if you are participating by videoconference.

*Infection Control Week*

The N.W.O.I.C.N. is hosting Infection Control week which is from October 16-20, 2006. We want to hear about your best, innovative Infection Prevention and Control ideas. These can be sent to Brandy Ponka by email [ponkab@tbh.net](mailto:ponkab@tbh.net). Prizes will be drawn from all submissions.

### Long-Term Care Conference

The N.W.O.I.C.N. will be hosting a Long-Term Care Conference on October 23 & 24 2006. This event will be taking place at the Airline Travelodge.

This conference will target non-acute and LTC individuals who have infection control responsibilities.

Some of the topics include Surveillance & FRI, Cleaning, & Sterilization, Influenza and Construction & Renovation.

The Network will pay the travel and accommodation costs for one participant per facility who has infection control responsibilities. If you have another individual interested in attending, the Network will support their free attendance, however travel and accommodation costs will not be covered.

If you would like to register for this conference, contact Brandy Ponka by email [ponkab@tbh.net](mailto:ponkab@tbh.net) or phone (807) 683-1755 the deadline for registration is October 2, 2006.

### Webber Teleclass Schedule

October 12, 2006: *The Changing Role of Infection Prevention and Control as Documented by the CBIC Practice Analysis*. Speaker: CBIC Board Members

October 19, 2006: *Hand Hygiene in Healthcare-Improving Compliance*. Speaker: Dr. John Boyce, Hospital of Saint Raphael.

October 26, 2006: *Urinary Tract Infections in Long-Term Care Residents*. Speaker: Dr. Chesley Richards, Atlanta VA Medical Center

November 2, 2006: *Voices of CHICA*. Speaker: CHICA Board & Guests

November 30, 2006: *Preventing Surgical Site Infections*. Speaker: Bonnie Barnard, St. Peter's Hospital, Montana

To register for these teleconferences, go to [www.webbertraining.com](http://www.webbertraining.com) and register through their main page. You need to become a member to register for these teleconferences.

### Acute Care Conference

The N.W.O. I.C.N. will be hosting an Acute Care Conference on November 20 & 21, 2006. This will be a one and a half day conference.

This conference will target acute care individuals who have infection control responsibilities.

The main focus of this conference is on managing outbreaks & non-reportable infections. The purpose of this conference is to offer participants a forum to discuss share and address outbreak issues i.e. C difficile, MRSA and VRE etc.

The Network will pay the travel and accommodation costs for one participant per facility who has infection control responsibilities.

If you have another individual interested in attending, the Network will support their free attendance, however travel and accommodation costs will not be covered.

If you would like to register for this conference, contact Brandy Ponka by email [ponkab@tbh.net](mailto:ponkab@tbh.net) or phone (807) 683-1755 the deadline for registration is November 6, 2006.

### The Face of TB Conference 2006

The Lung Association is hosting a Tuberculosis Conference. It will be held on November 20-21 2006 in Toronto.

The goal is to provide advanced information on tuberculosis to health care providers with the focus on the patient experience.

Program Highlights:

- Patient Perspectives
- New TB Standards
- Diagnosing TB
- Laboratory Issues
- Treatment Regimens

To register email Michelle Wilson at [registration@eventives.ca](mailto:registration@eventives.ca)

For more information go to <http://www.on.lung.ca/tbconf/>