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*Monthly News from the South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network*

## Ontario Highlights Patient Safety


The Ontario government has introduced public reporting on eight patient safety indicators and **7 of these initiatives have direct links to your Infection Prevention & Control (IPAC) program.**

On September 30, 2008, all Ontario hospitals will be required to publicly report on C. difficile rates in their facilities through a public website. Hospitals will also be required to immediately report C. difficile outbreaks to their local public health units so that Medical Officers of Health have the information they need to monitor and respond to emergent outbreaks.

The list of patient safety indicators is :

Patient Safety Indicator	Start Date of Public Reporting
Clostridium difficile (C. difficile)	Sept. 30, 2008
Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)	Dec. 31, 2008
Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci (VRE)	Dec. 31, 2008
Hospital Standardized Mortality Ratio (HSMR) –mortality rates	Dec. 31, 2008
Rates of ventilator-associated pneumonia	April 30, 2009
Rates of central line infections	April 30, 2009
Rates of Surgical site infections	April 30, 2009
Hand hygiene compliance among health care workers	April 30, 2009

**Training sessions to support this initiative will be held throughout the province over the next few weeks. SEOICN will be organizing and supporting these training sessions and will forward all the information regarding the sessions in our region .**



The new PIDAC “**Best Practices for Surveillance of Health Care-Associated Infections in Patient and Resident Populations**” was released recently and is now on-line.

Videoconference sessions to support this document will occur over the next couple of months. Information regarding these sessions will be forwarded to you when available.

Copies of this and all Best Practice documents can be downloaded from the PIDAC web site : [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/infectious/pidac/pidac\\_mn.html](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/infectious/pidac/pidac_mn.html)

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## Webber Training Schedule

**July 22, 2008**

Progress Report from the Chief Nursing Officer  
British Department of Health  
Christine Beasley

**July 24, 2008**

(free teleclass)  
Disinfection & Sterilization  
Current Issues, New Research  
Dr. W. Rutala

**Aug 14, 2008**

(free teleclass)  
Live Broadcast from the  
NDICN conference  
New Zealand

For a complete schedule and  
more information check

[www.webbertraining.com](http://www.webbertraining.com)

Or the SEOICN education  
calendar at

[www.ricn.on.ca](http://www.ricn.on.ca)

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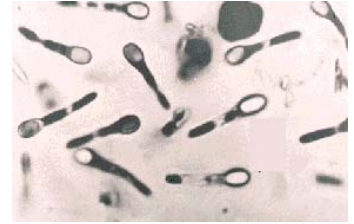
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## The C. diff-tionary

*Clostridium difficile* : a spore forming, anaerobic, gram positive bacillus



**CDI:** *Clostridium difficile* infection

**CDAD:** *Clostridium difficile* associated disease

### Case definitions:

- **Diarrhea**– 3 or more loose watery bowel movements, unusual or different for the patient, in a 24 hr period and there is no other recognized cause for the diarrhea (e.g. laxative use, inflammatory bowel disease etc.)
- ***Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI)**-diarrhea with laboratory confirmed positive toxin A or B assay or visualization of pseudomembranes on sigmoidoscopy/ colonoscopy or histo-pathological diagnosis of pseudomembranous colitis
- **Nosocomial**– infection not present on admission, onset of symptoms >72hrs after admission or the infection is present at time of admission but is related to a previous admission to the same facility within the last 4 weeks
- **Non-nosocomial**– the infection was present on admission or appears within the first 72hrs of admission and there was no admission to the same facility within the last 4 weeks.

Reference: Best Practices for the Management of *Clostridium difficile* in all health care settings . PIDAC November 2007



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### Fall Educational Conference

## “Share the Message not the Microbe”

September 24th, 2008: Evening Workshop    September 25th, 2008: Full Day Conference

### Days Inn Kingston, Hotel and Convention Centre

This event is for Infection Prevention and Control Professionals & Health Care Workers  
in any health care setting across the continuum of care.

**Register Early to have your name placed in a draw for full refund of conference**

**registration: Early Bird Registration Deadline August 24th, 2008**

**For more information [click here](#)**



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