



E-News from the South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network



Another CIC

Janet Allen SEOICN Network Coordinator congratulates **Morgan Harnest** who successfully wrote the certification exam in Utica New York in April. Morgan, a Registered Nurse with the Communicable Disease Control team at the Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit, graduated from the Nursing program at the University of Ottawa in 2000. Since then she has nursed in several different areas including surgery and substance abuse.

Morgan fell in love with the infection control role when working at a Penitentiary about 7 years ago. Her current responsibilities include case and outbreak management, TB control and health information educator

Morgan attended the SEOICN fall study group and returned to our April CIC prep-day to generously share her recent exam experience with 12 future exam candidates.

SEOICN will be starting another CIC Study Group in September. For more information or to register for the study group contact Sue Cooper at the Network offices. coopers@kgh.kari.net



H1N1 A– The Facts

- First cases identified in Mexico in early April (*source : World Health Organization (WHO)*)
- Virus is a triple recombinant : human + avian + swine influenza viruses (*source: WHO*)
- Symptoms similar to seasonal influenza: most commonly reported symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, malaise and headache. Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea has occurred in up to 38% of cases (*source : WHO*)
- Virus is transmitted easily from person-to-person resulting in regional and community outbreaks
- Incubation period appears to be 2 to 7 days (more information needed for accurate determination) (*source:NEJM*)
- Period of communicability appears to be from 1 day before onset of symptoms to 5—7 days after onset or until symptoms resolve (*source: New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM)*)
- Individuals at highest risk for severe complications appear to be similar to seasonal influenza: underlying chronic illness, pregnant women, children <5yrs, adults > 65yrs (*source: NEJM*)
- As of May 21, 2009: 41 countries have officially reported 11,034 cases of influenza A(H1N1) including 85 deaths (*source: WHO*)
- Excellent information can be found on the New England Journal of Medicine site at <http://h1n1.nejm.org/> the World Health Organization web site at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

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*Portal of entry: The Missing
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*Gleaning Gold from
Surveillance Data*
Andrew Pearson

June 24, 2009

*Tea Tree Oil and
Staphylococcus Sepsis*
Prof. Tom Riley

July 16, 2009

*ProMED and the Use of Informal
Information Sources for
Emerging Disease Surveillance*
Dr. Larry Madoff

For a complete schedule and
more information check
www.webbertraining.com

Or the SEOICN education
calendar at
www.ricn.on.ca

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Check out this live interactive map with H1N1 information at
<http://www.healthmap.org/en>

Summary of MOHLTC Recommendation for H1N1 Management

- Both Droplet and Contact Precautions are recommended to prevent transmission
- **Travel history** can no longer predict who is infected, therefore a fit tested N95 respirator in addition to Droplet and Contact Precautions should be used by health care workers when providing care within 2 metres of patients with influenza-like-illness (ILI)
- If fit tested N95 respirator not available, healthcare workers should don a surgical mask and if possible, place surgical mask on patient
- Emergency Departments should actively screen all patients
- Passive screening (signage at point of entry) should be carried out in all health care facilities
- Important health notices can be viewed at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/emu/ihn.html>
- Healthcare providers can receive important health notices directly through e-mail or fax by registering at the following link <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/portal/server.pt>
- For questions or concerns, please call the Health Care Provider hotline toll free at 1-866-212-2272 Monday to Friday from 9am to 4 pm.

Check out the Infection Watch Live web site at

<http://quesst.ca:9080/KFLAMapping/welcome.aspx>

This innovative web site allows the public to view maps of real time gastrointestinal and respiratory-related emergency department visits in the KFLA and Hastings-Prince Edward areas.

The maps provide a daily picture of levels of infectious disease activity in those areas.