



E-News from the South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network



Seasons Greetings from SEOICN

As 2009 draws to a close, Infection Prevention and Control Professionals breathe a sigh of relief. The novel H1N1 virus was a test of emergency planning systems within each of our organizations and, a test for the provincial planners. Fortunately, the virus did not result in significant morbidity and mortality within our region but the moderate surge experienced by our Emergency Rooms and Primary Care Physicians was a challenge. Agencies that had undergone emergency planning exercises and developed effective internal mechanisms and cooperative regional partnerships fared somewhat better than those that had not.

The mandate of the Regional Infection Control Networks is to maximize coordination and integration of activities related to prevention, surveillance and control of infections and infectious diseases. Our education sessions, workshops and one—on—one support, reinforce the principles of infection prevention and control and serve to establish a firm foundation to support our stakeholders in emergency planning around infectious disease.

Despite the economic crisis that so many of our institutions have experienced this past year, the support and encouragement which we have received from our partners has remained consistently positive. As we enter a new year filled with unexpected challenges, I am optimistic that the network will continue to offer high quality evidence-based education that will meet your needs!

May your holiday season be restful, safe and heartwarming!

Janet



RICN Non-Acute ICP Training Course News !!



The Regional Infection Control Networks are pleased to announce that the RICN Non Acute Care ICP Training Program has now received **CHICA-Canada endorsement**. This endorsement means that this program meets the stringent criteria established by CHICA-Canada and will be listed on the CHICA-Canada website alongside other established training programs.

Our course is unique in that it is specifically for the ICPs in non acute care settings in Ontario. These settings include long term care, community health and public health. The program is intended for the ICP who is new in their role and/or has no other formal infection prevention and control .

The next offering of this course will begin in September 2010. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Janet Allen at allenj1@kgh.kari.net

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Dr. Michelle Alfa

January 21, 2010

The Role of Environmental Surfaces in Healthcare Infections.

Dr. Phillip Carling

January 28, 2010

Improved Oral Hygiene in Intubated Patients to Prevent Ventilator-Associated Pneumonias

Dr. Charles John Palenik

February 9, 2010

Post-Discharge Surveillance Made Easy (British Teleclass)

Dr. Judith Tanner

February 11, 2010

International Trends in Sharps Injury Prevention

Dr. Terry Grimmond

For a complete schedule and more information check

www.webbertraining.com

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“Just Clean Your Hands” for Long-Term Care Train the Trainer Session

This **train the trainer** session will introduce you to the *Just Clean Your Hands* program which has been adapted for Long Term Care Homes and will review with you the components and tools specifically designed for this setting. Each facility will be provided with kits containing everything you need to launch the program in your facility.

Scheduled Sessions:

Thursday, December 17, 2009 : Fairmont Home
Kingston 8:30am – 12pm

Monday, January 11, 2009 : St. Lawrence Lodge
Brockville, 8:30 am—12pm

Monday January 18th 2010 : Hasting Manor
Belleville 8:30am – 12pm

Sessions are planned for Perth / Smiths Falls region early in 2010. Say Tuned



Registration required to ensure adequate printed materials!

To Register please contact:

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More CIC Success Stories !

SEOICN is pleased to announce 2 more CIC success stories.

Tammy VanDerKloet, the Infection Control Professional at Sherwood Park Manor in Brockville successfully passed the certification exam in Utica New York. Tammy, who was one of the first students to complete the RICN Non-acute ICP training course during its inaugural offering in 2008-2009, is only the second long term care based ICP to hold certification in our region. Congratulations Tammy.

We would also like to congratulate Janet Allen who successfully completed her re-certification exam on November 28th. Janet, first became certified in 1989.

The South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network congratulates all its members who hold certification in Infection Control. The CIC designation is an internationally recognized level of excellence in Infection Prevention and Control practice and by achieving this certification, Infection Control Professionals enhance their credibility and achieve formal recognition as a professional in the field.

Statistics from the Certification Board of Infection Control (CBIC) indicated that in March of 2009 there were 302 CICs in Canada. In 2006 there were only 4 CICs working in south-eastern Ontario. Today we have 21 CICs working throughout our region. We anticipate even more following the completion of our 2009 study group sessions. An accomplishment to be proud of!