



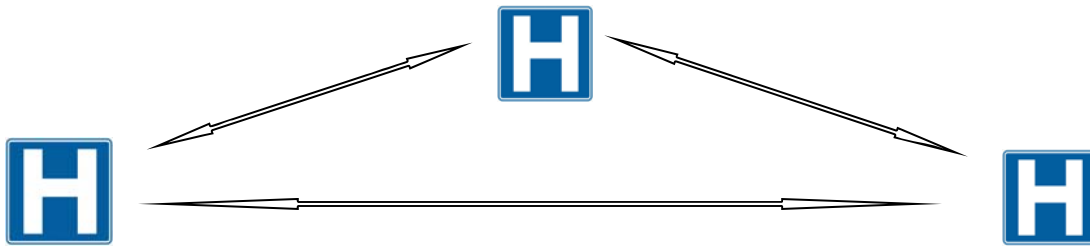
E-News from the South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network

Regional Infection Control System (RICS)

In the next few weeks, the first two of seven hospitals in southeastern Ontario will be “going live” with a regional infection control information management system.

Partnering with the SE LHIN, the six acute care and one rehabilitation hospitals have launched this project to improve the tracking of selected healthcare associated infections (HAIs). The purpose of the regional initiative is to improve the capacity to track patients with HAIs by creating a single database enabling Infection Control Professionals to readily share HAI data.

You can read more about the project in the Regional Infection Control Network annual report or project summary available at: <http://www.ricn.on.ca/photos/custom/SEOICNfiles/Regional%20Surveillance%20Project%20Summary.pdf>



Call for interest...

Are you interested in participating in a focus session to assist with planning regional “Train-the-Trainer” Workshops for **Community Support Agencies**?

Partnering with Queen’s University School of Nursing, SEOICN will be organizing at least two focus sessions to be held this fall. The goal of these focus sessions is to develop the approach and the subject material for subsequent “Train-the-Trainer” Workshops.

If your agency resides in the South East Local Health Integration Network (SE LHIN), and you would like to participate, contact the SEOICN office. Your name will be placed on an invitation list for either the nursing support services focus session or the session for other types of community support services.

We look forward to seeing you this fall !

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July 29 , 2010 Free teleclass
Addressing Infection Prevention & Control in Low Resource Settings: The IFIC Approach
Dr. Michael Borg

Aug 12 , 2010 Free Teleclass
Positive Deviance: Unleashing Secret Change Agents in Your Hospital to Prevent MRSA Infections
Dr. John Lloyd

Sept 2, 2010
Measuring the Impact of Infection Control
Dr Leo Celi

Sept 9, 2010
Planning for Infectious Disease Disasters in Ambulatory Care Centres
Terri Rebman

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

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Revised Surveillance Protocols for Ontario Hospitals for: Tuberculosis

The Communicable Diseases Surveillance Protocols Committee (CDSPC) is a collaborative initiative between the OHA, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the MOHLTC. The CDSPC's mandate is to develop Communicable Diseases Surveillance Protocols (in accordance with Regulation 965, Section 4 of the Public Hospitals Act) that apply to all persons carrying out activities within hospitals.

In May 2010, the Tuberculosis protocol was reviewed and, as necessary, revised based on current scientific and medical knowledge to provide updated direction to prevent the transmission of disease among health care workers. **Any and all changes to the protocols are highlighted in yellow within the document.**

You can access the revised protocol at:

<http://www.oha.com/Services/HealthSafety/Documents/Protocols/TB%20Protocol%20Revised%20May%202010.pdf>

Core Competency Program: It's Being Revived !

On April 1, 2010 the Infection Prevention & Control Core Competency Program was transferred from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) to the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP).

Research Strategy Group (RSG) has been retained to conduct an evaluation of the existing modules and will be inviting RICN stakeholders to complete a survey or to participate in an interview. RSG will be contacting stakeholders in each RICN to participate in the evaluation process.

Once the information from the evaluation is complete, OAHPP will work with the RICNs to hold engagement sessions in selected areas of the province to ensure that the findings have been understood and will collect ideas to incorporate into the revised education programs. We look forward to your feedback!

Watch the RICN website for more information coming soon! www.ricn.on.ca

CHICA 2011 Toronto: Leadership in Action

The preliminary program for the 2011 CHICA-Canada National Education Conference is now available. If you have not yet received your copy you can download it from the CHICA website at www.chica.org

*Do you have an interest in Infection Prevention & Control ?
Have you ever been tasked with an Infection Prevention & Control activity even though you are not the ICP in your organization?*

You may be interested in:

Designates Day: Monday May 31, 2011

One of the new opportunities being developed for this conference is a full day devoted to presenting infection prevention and control (IPAC) education to healthcare workers from ALL sectors who may be involved in IPAC activities as part of their job but are not assigned specifically as the Infection Control Professional in their organization. This session, presented in collaboration with the Regional Infection Control Networks (RICNs) in Ontario, is dedicated to supporting designates in understanding and expanding their IPAC role in their organization. This full day session, followed by the Conference opening ceremonies and opening of the exhibit hall, is being offered at a special registration fee -making it an affordable educational opportunity not to be missed.

Mark Your Calendar ! We look forward to seeing you in Toronto

