



E-News from the South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network

CHICA-EO and SEOICN are pleased to offer an education day and trade fair:
“New Directions in Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection”



Where: Days Inn Convention Center, Kingston Ontario
When: Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 8:15 am-3:30 pm
Who: environmental service workers (in any health care setting including community clinics, EMS, doctor's offices), staff responsible for infection prevention and control programs and any other interested staff
Cost: \$35 per person (includes breaks & lunch)

Don't miss this great opportunity to listen and interact with experts who assisted with the development of the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) Best Practice document *Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections in all Health Care Settings*.

Industry representatives will be on hand to answer your questions and introduce you to the products and equipment to support your practice.

Registration begins at 8:15am

Speakers and topics include:

Why and How Environmental Cleaning Saves Lives :

Dr. Dick Zourman, Medical Coordinator SEOICN

Overview of PIDAC Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning:

Liz VanHorne, Senior Infection Prevention & Control Consultant
 Ontario Agency for Health Protection & Promotion

Environmental impact of cleaning products :

Paul Webber, Maunco Sanitation

Practicing Best Practices from an Environmental Services Manager's Perspective

Panel discussion with some regional Environmental Services Managers including Danny Young, from Crowne Ridge LTC Facility in Belleville, Kelly Wilson from the Royal Ottawa Healthcare Group- Brockville Mental Health Site and others TBA.

To Add Your Name to Our Waiting List : contact Marianne Walker at walkerm1@kgh.kari.net

C. diff Outbreak Guide

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care recently released "Control of *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Outbreaks in Hospitals, A Guide for Hospital and Health Unit Staff." The purpose of this guide is to support the appropriate management of CDI outbreaks by:

- Defining the roles of the hospital and public health staff in outbreak control processes;
- Providing specific guidance for CDI outbreak control, and;
- Providing a compilation of tools and resources for management of CDI outbreaks.

Although this guide is primarily intended for hospital infection prevention and control teams and health unit staff, the principles of CDI outbreak management apply to other facilities such as long-term care and retirement homes.

To access this guide, follow this link

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/patient_safety/pro/cdad/pro_resource/guide_cdi_infect_control.pdf

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March is Novice month at Webber training .

March 23, 2010 Free teleclass
Voices of CHICA– part 1
CHICA Canada Board Members

March 25, 2010 Novice teleclass
Infections in the Elderly
Christine Nutty

April 1, 2010
Microbial Control of Electronic Medical Equipment
Dr. Charles John Palenik

April 8, 2010
Simple Precautions– Simplifying Infection Control
Dr. Jim Hutchinson

April 13, 2010
Improvement in Healthcare Settings Around the World & the SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands Initiative
Claire Kilpatrick: WHO

April 15, 2010
HPV Infection & Newer Vaccines: An Update
Dr. Sotirios Tsiodras

For a complete schedule and more information check

www.webbertraining.com

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Surveillance Tip: Standard Deviation Simplified

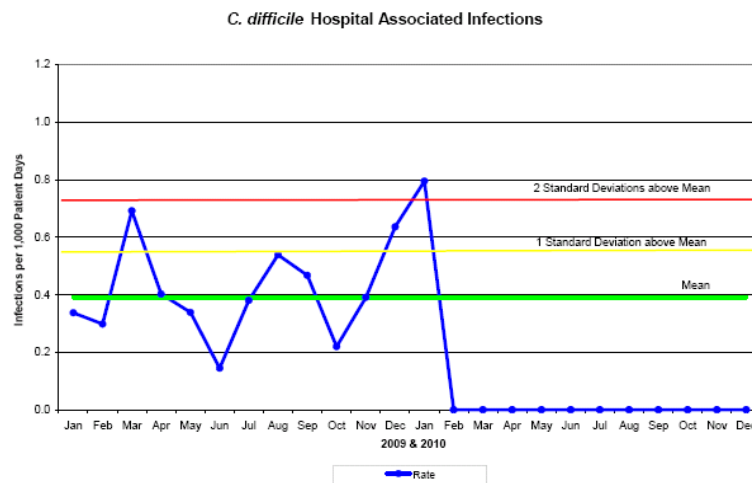
PIDAC *Best Practices for C. difficile in all Healthcare Settings* version 5, January 2009 states that one definition of an outbreak for *C. difficile* is 2 Standard Deviations (SD) above the mean for a period of 2 months.

Here is an easy way to calculate your health care facility’s mean and standard deviation for *C. difficile*.

Go to the link: <http://easycalculation.com/statistics/standard-deviation.php>

- Enter your *C. difficile* rate for each month for 2009
- Hit the calculate button to identify your mean and standard deviation.
- Create a graph of your *C. difficile* rates in 2009 using Excel. Include the mean, 1SD, 2SD on the graph.

This will provide you with a clear visual representation of trends. See example below.
Mean = 0.39 SD = 0.17 1SD = 0.56 2SD = 0.73



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Griffiths-Turner, Chair CSIGN Surveillance Subcommittee



The 2010 CHICA National Education Conference is fast approaching. For quick access to easy on-line registration. Click here

<https://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=1979&tid=32>

The full brochure and printable registration form are available going to the CHICA website at www.chica.org.

The deadline for early bird registration is April 30th– register early and save!

The deadline for reservations at the conference hotel– the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre is April 26th.

Did you know that our own **Jim Gauthier** is the Scientific Co-chair for the conference and will be presenting on several topics throughout the week. As well, **Amanda Knapp** from the KFLA Public Health Unit, who is the community representative on the scientific planning committee, will be co-chairing the pre-conference day and will also be presenting on more than one occasion. **Dr Dick Zoutman** will be giving a presentation on process quality improvement (e.g. Lean vs. Six Sigma) CHICA-EO will be well represented this year as several chapter members have submitted abstracts for presentation at the conference. CHICA-EO members attending the conference will be gathering for dinner on Saturday May 29th, time and place to be determined. If you plan to be in Vancouver and would like to join us for dinner please contact Shirley McDonald at shirleym@kos.net. Hope to see you there!