



E-News from the South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network

Just Clean Your Hands for Long Term Care



Outbreaks in long term care settings create significant cost for the home. Hand hygiene is the single most important way to prevent infections and outbreaks and thus reduce associated costs in long-term care homes.

Long term Care homes are different from hospitals because they are homes– places where people live– as well as care settings. To address this difference, the MOHLTC has developed a version of the *Just Clean Your Hands* program adapted to the long term care setting, complete with tools specifically designed for long term care homes.

Over the next few months the South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network will be holding a series of workshops to introduce the *Just Clean Your Hands—Long-Term Care* program to our partner agencies. These workshops will be in the format of train-the-trainer sessions during which we will give you the tools you need to implement the program in your own facility.

Stay tuned for dates and times coming soon! In the meantime, you will soon be able to check out all of the resources on the *Just Clean Your Hands* web site at www.justcleanyourhands.ca

2009 Infection Prevention and Control Week Contest Winners

SEOICN is pleased to announce the winners of our 2009 Infection Control Week contest winners



The **first prize** in our contest was awarded to **Lanark Lodge in Perth**. Heather Duncan and her team planned a fun filled week of IPAC activities for all their staff. As well as creating a great t-shirt for all members of the Infection Prevention and Control Team, activities included a Jar O' Germs contest, infection control related puzzles, fact of the day and bug of the day flyers, and video watching sessions complete with popcorn. Prizes were given out for participation in various activities and a local grocery store created a theme cake for the final day celebration. Perhaps the most creative activity was the "FBI" agent who made rounds looking to catch staff in the act of performing hand hygiene. An entertaining video of activities was created which will soon be posted on our web site for all to enjoy. **Congratulations to the entire team at Lanark Lodge!**

Second Place in our contest went to the Infection Prevention and Control team at **Brockville General Hospital**. Despite the current challenges being faced by all our hospitals they were able to put together a wonderful display for the main hallway. Staff had the opportunity to complete puzzles and other activities which made them eligible to win a prize package at the end of the week. **Third prize** went to **Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston**. A display, presentations and daily e-mails were all part of their activities.

SEOICN congratulates all of our participants. Look for more information about our winners including pictures coming soon on our web site.

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Clostridium difficile Associated Disease: A Financial Burden Analysis

Prof. Ralf-Peter Vonberg

November 19, 2009

Viruses and Hand Hygiene
Prof. Syed Sattar

December 3, 2009

Infection Control During and After Natural Disasters
Pam Falk

December 10, 2009

Environmental Cleaning Audits: Do they Help Reduce the Spread of C. difficile and AROs in Healthcare Facilities?
Dr. Michelle Alfa

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

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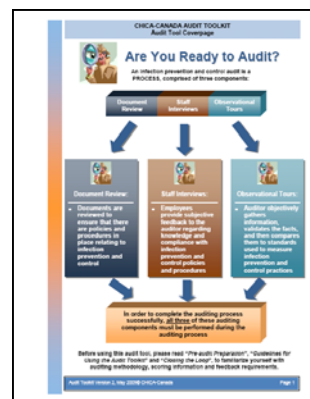
(from CHICA-Canada:Reproduced with permission)

CHICA-Canada is pleased to announce the launch of 10 Infection Prevention and Control audit tools . These tools are the first of a series that will be released over the next few months. We hope that these audit tools will support you to measure your success at moving best evidence into best practices in your organizations.

Whether you are new to auditing or a seasoned pro, the guiding documents that come with the tools will provide you with a step by step approach to completing audits. We encourage you to use the tools and provide feed-back using the evaluation form included with the audits so we can continue to improve them.

The tools being launched include:

1. Additional Precautions
2. Client/Patient/Residents Service Unit
3. Hand Hygiene Practice
4. Hand Hygiene Readiness
5. Housekeeping Supply Room
6. Management of Enteric Outbreaks
7. Management of Respiratory Outbreaks
8. Unit Kitchens
9. Use of Personal Protective Equipment
10. Surgical Scrub



The tools will be located on the member section of the website. Please contact the network offices for more information

OHA/OMA Revised Surveillance Protocols for Ontario Hospitals

- [Antibiotic Resistant Organisms](#)
- [Measles](#)

The Communicable Diseases Surveillance Protocols Committee (CDSPC) is a collaborative initiative between the OHA, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the MOHLTC.

In June 2009, the following protocols were 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 worker. **Any and all changes to the protocols are highlighted in yellow within the document.**

All protocols are available on the [OHA website](#)



2009 APIC Text

The 2009 3rd edition of the APIC text of Infection Control and Epidemiology has arrived. SEOICN has copies of the 3rd edition available for lending from our resource library.

If you are interested in borrowing this resource, please contact Marianne Walker at walkerm1@kgh.kari.net or call 613-548-3921.