

CHICA-HUPIC

2010 EXECUTIVE:

President: Bev Morgan MLT
President elect: Barb Schmidt RN BScN
Secretary: Brenda Tanner RN CIC
Treasurer: Nancy Brown MLT BSc

2011 EXECUTIVE:

President: Barb Schmidt RN BScN
President elect: Vacant
Secretary: Brenda Tanner RN CIC
Treasurer: Nancy Brown MLT BSc

No. of Members: 28 CHICA Members, 9 Associate HUPIC members

Geographical Area Served: CHICA-HUPIC membership is available to those persons residing in the surrounding area of Huron, Bruce, Perth, and Grey and surrounding counties

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership consists of a variety of professionals with various backgrounds. The majority of members are employed by acute care hospitals, local health units and long term care facilities. Our small chapter membership has the advantage of having members with many facets of knowledge and practices of Infection control. To encourage new members, our chapter has offered one-year associate membership with all participants in our past Education Day on Oct 27th, in which they can come to the CHICA-HUPIC meetings, to learn more of Infection Control. We also encourage them to join CHICA-Canada to receive full benefits of networking and resources.

2010 Meetings/Highlights/ Education

Meetings are held quarterly which are held alternately in two locations 50 km apart because of geographical area served. An additional full day dedicated to education was on October 27th, 2010 held at the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

Our meetings have become a communication tool to inform each other of current community events. For those members who have limited institutional resources and dedicated time for infection control, our membership supports those persons with assistance in problem solving, education and the sharing of resources. Our membership is also strongly supported and attended by our Regional Infection Control Network Coordinator and educator (RICN-South West). At each meeting, a guest speaker is invited to share topics related to Infection Prevention and Control.

Summary of October 27th CHICA-HUPIC Sponsored Education Day: “Preventing Illness & Infection”

Our audience was a diverse mixture of disciplines from long term care, acute care and public health. Sixty-seven participants registered, including four physicians, two pharmacists, and representation from environmental services, directors of care, staff educators, long term and acute care facilities. The Regional Infection Control Network supported our chapter education day in reimbursing half of our luncheon cost.

The Education Day Participants: 21 were HUPIC members and 44 non HUPIC members were offered one year associate membership to our chapter. We also had 24 vendors present and demonstrated their products and also supplied door prizes to our participants.

This was our chapter's first time registering for Physician Accredited Mainpro 1 credits, to encourage local physicians to attend, as we had three well known physicians as speakers.

Speakers:

Dr. Michael Gardam- A New Approach to Controlling Superbugs

Dr. Alison McGeer- Strategies to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Should we be spending our time targeting high-risk pathogens?

Dr. Marina Salvadori- Clostridium difficile: Microbiology and Challenges

Laura Farrell- Stem the Tide: Best Practices for the Management of Clostridium difficile in Long Term Care.

The CHICA-HUPIC executive was very pleased with the guest speakers, vendors, great food and location for this event. We received a very positive feedback from our participants and vendors. Because of the time commitment, our executive decided that our next education day will be October 2012.

Other 2010 Events:

- The HUPIC chapter supported our president, Bev Morgan, to attend the CHICA conference in Vancouver last June. The chapter president was one of the Virox Scholarship recipients, which assisted in half of the conference expenses.
- Our advertising brochure was re-designed by president elect Barb Schmidt.
- Our president elect Barb Schmidt has taken the role of web master and will be getting our chapter on-line in 2011.
- CHICA-HUPIC Terms of Reference reviewed and revised.
- Two members of the chapter received their CIC certification in 2010
- CHICA-HUPIC has six members participating in CHICA-Canada Interest Groups

Date & Location of 2010 Meetings

March 18, 2010: Grey Bruce Health Unit, Owen Sound (Guest speaker: Debbie Minielly-World TB Day)

May 20, 2010: Hanover & District Hospital, Hanover (Guest speaker: Cathy Coburn - Shingles and New Vaccines)

September 30, 2010: R Villa, Long Term Care, Ripley, Ontario (Guest speaker: Tamasine Prong- Samples Made Simple)

October 27, 2010: EDUCATION DAY: "Preventing Illness & Infection" at the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Owen Sound

November 10, 2010: The Village Community Long Term Care, Hanover, Ontario (Guest speaker: Bev Morgan - C difficile Outbreak at Hanover & District Hospital)

*Bev Morgan MLT
Chapter President*