

## **CHICA-MANITOBA**

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**Number of Members:** 65

**Geographic Area Served:** Province of Manitoba.

### **Membership**

Membership includes representatives from industry, public health, acute care, long term care, community, educators, mental health and personal care homes.

### **Meetings**

The chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month excluding June (in lieu of the chapter's June conference), July and August. The meeting is preceded by a 45 minute education session followed by a 90 minute business meeting.

### **Highlights**

Manitoba chapter has experienced membership changes over the past year. There have been a number of long standing members leave the group and a number of newer members join us. Change in membership has resulted in a need to review how the chapter is meeting the needs of its members. Increased education and networking opportunities have been identified as a need of the current membership and is necessary to attract new members. To address these requirements the executive has embarked on a revision of the existing meeting format to include a journal review and a change in round table discussion. All members attending a meeting are encouraged to participate in journal review and member volunteers present an article that they have selected. The article is made available to the membership prior to the meeting to allow them to review it. A topic is selected for round table discussion which is sent out to the members with the agenda. This allows members to prepare for round table discussion. Members are encouraged to discuss their experience with the topic, difficulties they have encountered and solutions they have developed. If they have other topics they would like to introduce that is encouraged. With these changes the knowledge sharing is increasing and membership is expressing that the format changes are positive.

Members of the chapter responded to several education requests by volunteering their time to conduct Routine Practices sessions for occupational therapy students, lab technicians and health care aides. It was identified that members regularly participate in education sessions for outside agencies but it has previously not been recorded. The Education Committee has been tasked with keeping a record of these requests and reporting members' volunteer activities back to the chapter through their annual report. This should streamline requests and allow members to network for the delivery of education and show member activity on behalf of the chapter.

A chapter fundraiser was organized at Rumour's Comedy Club in March. This was attended by 111 members and guests.

Nine CHICA Manitoba members attended all or part of the national CHICA Conference in Vancouver in 2010. Three members presented educational sessions.

Two CHICA Manitoba members were able to attend the APIC 2010 Conference in New Orleans.

The CHICA Manitoba bylaws were revised and have been renamed “Terms of Reference”. These include job descriptions, which have been reviewed by the membership and will be presented for approval at the upcoming chapter Annual General Meeting.

#### **Educational Presentations at the Monthly Meetings:**

January 2010- Jonny Hinz presented on Environmental Management

March 2010 – Adriana Trajtman presented on UV Marker – A Tool to Evaluate Environmental Cleaning

April 2010 – Louise Buelow-Smith presented on Monitoring Quality Assurance in Sterile Processing

May 2010 – Dr. Heather Adam presented on VISA/VERSA/hVISA

September 2010 – Myrna Dyck presented on Disaster Relief – Nursing Outside the Nursing Role in the 2004 Tsunami.

October 2010 – Corinne Adams presented on Influenza Update 2010/11

November 2010 – Dr. Steven Theriault presented on Phage Work with *Clostridium difficile*

December 2010 – Brenda Dyck presented on Making the Business Case for Infection Control

#### **Journal Review**

December 2010 – Ivy Turner reviewed “Treatment with Monoclonal Antibodies against *Clostridium difficile* Toxins” published in the New England Journal of Medicine, January 21, 2010 volume 362, number 3.

#### **Annual Chapter Conference**

The chapter’s annual conference was held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg. The theme of the conference was “Infection Control – Our Decade to Shine”. Speakers included:

- Dr. Phillippe Lagace-Wiens who spoke on Antibiotic Stewardship
- Dr. Lindsay Nicolle who spoke on Asymptomatic Bacteriuria in the Elderly
- Louise Buelow-Smith who spoke on Reprocessing Requirements prior to Purchasing Medical Equipment
- Dr. Pierre Plourde who spoke on Working in “Difficult Partnership” Countries and participated in the panel discussion regarding the H1N1 Pandemic Response
- Dr. Nathalie Bastien who spoke on the H1N1 Pandemic and participated in the panel discussion regarding the H1N1 Pandemic Response
- Dr. Paul Vancaesele who participated on the panel discussion regarding the H1N1 Pandemic Response
- Genevieve Thompson who participated on the panel discussion regarding the H1N1 Pandemic Response

*Nina Williams RN BN*

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