

## **CHICA-NEWFOUNDLAND LABRADOR**

### **2010 Executive**

President: Merlee Steele-Rodway RN  
President-elect: Beverley Pittman RN  
Secretary: Lola Gushue RN CIC  
Treasurer: Lynn Mercer BN

### **2011 Executive**

President: Beverly Pittman RN  
President-Elect: Lola Gushue RN CIC  
Secretary: Alisa Cuff RN  
Treasurer: Lynn Mercer BN CIC

**No. Of Members:** 47

**Geographic Area Served:** The Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

### **Membership**

We are a small but very active and energetic group. Our membership spans the continuum of care, from community/public health to acute care and long term care. We are fortunate to have representatives from clinical nursing staff, physicians, laboratories and industry as well. Many of our members work in regional health authorities which serve large geographical areas. Our group includes members from acute care, long term care, outreach, community, personal care homes. Our members are very engaged in expanding our membership base. Members also play active roles in the Special Interest Group meetings.

### **Meetings**

Meetings were held on a monthly basis last year through the provincial teleconference system. Teleconference meetings usually consist of a business session followed by an educational regional report.

### **Education**

Northern chapter members of CHICA-NL hosted a very successful provincial conference this year. Dr. Michael Gardam addressed the group on Positive Deviance. This was very well received. Other speakers include Dr. Donna Moralejo, members of our chapter, Dr. G. William Fitzgerald, Clinical Chief of Staff for Dr. Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital-St. Anthony.

Several of our industry members sponsored our conference.

Webber Teleconferences are provided to the CHICA-NL membership by the provincial government. We have great attendance at these.

Several ICP's have completed the Queen's University program for Infection Prevention and Control last year and one new ICP is enrolled in CHICA-Canada's ICP Course.

### **Government**

- The provincial Infection Prevention and Control Team, PIC-NL, has been meeting on a monthly basis to develop provincial policies and standards for infection prevention and control programs.

I would like to thank all CHICA-NL members for their support over the last two years and wish Bev Pittman success and encouragement as the 2011-2012 CHICA-NL Chapter President.

*Merlee Steele-Rodway RN  
Chapter President*