

PHYSICIAN DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT

Throughout 2010, in my role as Physician Director, I responded to several media inquiries that had been directed to CHICA-Canada. This shows that public interest in our work continues to grow. In addition, I have provided input to key messages developed by various committees on which CHICA partners with other associations and agencies.

The CHICA 2010 conference in Vancouver was a great success and I truly enjoyed meeting with and getting to know the attendees. I look forward to continuing to present the Strut Your Stuff! Breakfast topic as an encouragement to ICPs to promote both themselves as experts in their field and initiatives in infection prevention and control.

I am pleased to note that the CHICA-Canada Physician Director will present a 'Hot Topics' session at the close of each conference. This new session is to be known as the Vernacare Lecture and will feature information on new and re-emerging IP&C events.

It is encouraging to see the growth of the list of CHICA-Canada Corporate Members. The Corporate Relations Committee did not meet in Vancouver but I hope that it will meet in Toronto. It is important to utilize this expert group to further the goals of CHICA-Canada. In return, these members receive both tangible and intangible benefits in the Corporate Member status.

The CHICA-Canada Physician Director will now be the official CHICA-Canada representative to Accreditation Canada. I thank Dr. Dick Zoutman for his work on accreditation issues and look forward to expanding on the good working relationship with Accreditation Canada.

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