

CHICA-SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

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Number of Members: 167

Geographic Area Served: Southwestern Ontario (Windsor, Sarnia, London and part of Waterloo Wellington area)

Membership

Our membership consists of Infection Control Professionals from acute care, long term care and public health.

Meetings

The chapter meets five times a year. Four of the meetings are face to face meetings held in London, Ontario at the West Haven Golf Course. The meeting in February is held by videoconference to avoid travelling in the winter weather.

February 12th Meeting (videoconference):

Surveillance - Sandra Callery, MSN CIC

April 30th Meeting

Ready or Not - presentation with clickers and CIC questions

Joanne Habib MLT CIC, Coordinator for the Central East Infection Control Network

and

Costing Out an Outbreak

Jo-Anne Burt RN BA CIC, Manager of IP&C Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

June 18th Meeting:

Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease

Bryna Warshawsky, MD, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health Services, Middlesex-London Health Unit

and

Survivor of Flesh Eating Disease

Catherine Mulvale

A Real Life Experience

September 17th Meeting

Managing your Emotions...Emotional Intelligence and Effective Communication
Dene Elligsen, Corporate Facilitator for Organizational Development & Learning Services
St Joseph's Health Care

November 5th Meeting

Infection In Forensic Pathology Practice
Michael Shkrum, MD, Medical Leader of Autopsy, London Health Sciences Centre
and
The role of the Ministry of Labour Infection Control Consultant
Denise Madsen RN BScN CIC, Infection Control Consultant, Ministry of Labour

Initiatives Related to the CHICA-Canada 2010-2015 Strategic Plan

Describe the projects or initiatives that your chapter has undertaken that will enhance the goals of the CHICA-Canada Strategic Plan.

1. Goal One: Raise the profile of the association and its activities.

- CIC is promoted at every chapter meeting by announcing those that have recently achieved their CIC
- RICNs (SWOICN, ESCICN and WWICN) in partnership with CHICA-SWO promote their study groups for CIC and resources for CIC at each meeting
- One of our education sessions this year was a CIC study review
- One way leadership is acknowledged in our chapter is through the Betty Bannerman award where a member that has show outstanding leadership in infection prevention and control can be nominated for the award by peers and receive this award
- We speak to the CHICA Conference at meetings in order to encourage members to attend
- CHICA SWO promotes the role of the ICP by encouraging members to submit abstracts to CHICA in order to promote the work they do. See highlights for the abstracts submitted and accepted to CHICA and then shared with the membership at CHICA SWO

2. Goal Two: Enhance the mix of products and services.

- We have a professional designed (membership approved) CHICA SWO logo that is used on all correspondence
- We have promoted the audit tools that have been created through CHICA and will dedicate an education session to them at our February 2011 meeting
- We provide our chapter with an updated website for easy access to chapter information
- CHICA SWO Partners with the Regional Infection Control Networks: at each meeting 3 of the Networks that attend the meetings promote the education and services that they have to offer ICPs

3. Goal Three: Expand the association's education initiatives.

- A need assessment was completed to find out what the needs and interests were for education offered at the meetings
- The education offered (see above) was based on the membership response to this need assessment
- Turn out of members (and non members) at meetings was excellent this year
- Members are asked to evaluate the education sessions and they are reviewed by the education committee.
- We have included into our program a half hour of networking where members write down on a sticky note random ICP questions/concern and the group discusses this.

4. Goal Four: Expand and develop the membership base.

- A needs assessment was completed at the beginning of the year to find out the education our membership would like at the meetings
- The chapter meetings were promoted at other events such as the infection prevention and control committee meetings at the health units.
- A flyer is created for each meeting for promotion and for distribution.

- Save the Date flyers of the education days for the year were distributed to the members and non members so they could save the dates in advance
 - We promote a non member fee on the flyer
 - At each meeting we ask if there are any first time visitors and refer them to the executive and the membership person if they would like more information on CHICA membership
 - We use the CHICA brochure to hand to visitors that inquire about membership as it explains details about CHICA membership
- 5. Goal Five: Provide national and international leadership.**
- CHICA SWO maintains a connection with APIC GD through attendance and networking at their meetings and advertising our meetings at their events
 - Every year the roles of the executive positions that are up for election are sent to members for review. Members are encourage to participate in the organization
 - CHICA SWO participates in the IFIC run that is held annually at the CHICA Conference by sponsoring a member that is dedicated to attending that event. Those that won't be attending the Conference do have an opportunity to support IFIC.

Highlights

May 2010 CHICA Conference CHICA-Southwestern Ontario was the winner of the chapter achievement award.

Members of CHICA SWO who achieved their CIC in 2010 (members are acknowledged at the chapter meetings):

Rhodora Laylo, St. Joseph's Health Care
 Marlene Jantzi-Bauman from Wellington Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
 Betty Gregg from Grey Bruce Health Services
 Ashley Marchini from the Sarnia Lambton Health Unit
 Anna Hunt for re-certifying for the 4th time
 Cathy Coburn from Grey Bruce Public Health Unit
 Joanne Dow from Middlesex London Health Unit

Members that submitted abstracts and presented oral or poster presentations at the national CHICA conference from our chapter included:

May Abdalla, Windsor Regional Hospital

- Follow the Yellow Dot and Armband
- Talking Digitally Between IPAC and ER Department

Nora Boyd & Laura Fraser, ESCICN

- Developing Competencies for an E mentorship program
- It's in the bag; Specimen Collecting like a Champion (with DVD companion)
- IPAC Resource Manual for Residential Hospice Settings (manual to be published in the fall)
- LTC Tool Kit – developed an e-learning program for LTC with DVD/CD companion

Yasmine Chagla, London Health Sciences Centre

- engaged staff in order to improve hand hygiene and ABHR usage

Abdul Chagla, Laura Farrell, Tim Cronsberry, Christine Moussa, Norma Reese, Marina Salvadori, South Western Ontario Infection Control Network, St Marys. Ontario,

- In-Services on Demand, a Useful Educational Tool for Infection Control Practitioners

* These members brought their poster and oral presentations back to the chapter to present.

Members that were speakers at the CHICA Conference 2010:

Nora Boyd and Laura Fraser: Pass the CIC Here's How

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 Chapter President*