

## **CHICA-TORONTO AND AREA PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL (TPIC)**

### **Executive 2010**

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**Geographic Area Served:** Greater Toronto Area (GTA) bounded by Mississauga (West), Barrie (North), and Oshawa (East).

**Membership:** There are 328 TPIC members as of November 2010. The membership is comprised of individuals from diverse educational backgrounds and work experiences such as: acute care, long term care, complex continuing care and rehabilitation, community care, public health, corrections, government, the Regional Infection Control Networks (RICNs), and industry. On average in 2010, 75-100 members participated in the meetings. This is an increase from previous years and mostly due to a change in format. Four of seven meetings in 2010 were videoconferenced through the 6 RICNs within our geographic area. This was facilitated by the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP).

### **Initiatives Related to the CHICA-Canada 2010-2015 Strategic Plan:**

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

- TPIC members take advantage of CIC certification and recertification learning opportunities through the RICNs
- TPIC members are actively involved in teaching the Centennial course for infection control
- TPIC members are mentors for those taking the Centennial course
- TPIC members are on provincial committees such as the Provincial Infectious Disease Advisory Committee and work for Toronto Public Health, the Ministry of Health and the Public Health Agency of Canada
- TPIC members participate in the Canadian National Nosocomial Infection Surveillance Program (CNISP) and other studies such as the Antibiotic Resistant Organism Point Prevalence study in the fall of 2010
- TPIC members have published in CJIC and the chapter will continue to promote this

Goal Two: Enhance the mix of products and services

- TPIC members are actively involved in teaching the Centennial course for infection control
- TPIC members are mentors for those taking the Centennial course
- TPIC members are involved in the CHICA endorsement of infection control courses
- TPIC members are involved in the development of CHICA audit tools

Goal Three: Expand the associations education initiatives

- TPIC members take advantage of CIC certification and recertification learning opportunities through the RICNs
- Videoconferencing of 4 of 7 TPIC meetings has allowed for greater opportunities for active participation in TPIC and CHICA initiatives
- TPIC gives financial support to members for attendance at the CHICA conference
- TPIC members are involved in the development of infection control core competencies through the OAHPP

Goal Four: Expand and develop the membership base

- Videoconferencing of 4 of 7 TPIC meetings has allowed for greater opportunities for participation in TPIC and CHICA initiatives
- TPIC continues to engage industry as members by promoting membership and allowing opportunities for vendor participation in education days
- TPIC allows free attendance at the first TPIC meeting and encourages membership for regular attendance
- TPIC members regularly present at international conferences such as APIC, SHEA and IFIC
- TPIC has an annual long term care education day which will help to expand membership to other sectors

Goal Five: Provide national and international leadership

- TPIC members are chairs of CHICA interest groups and are participants in CHICA conference planning committees
- TPIC is co-hosting the 2011 CHICA conference and TPIC members are invited speakers, volunteers, moderators and members of the Scientific Program Committee.
- TPIC regularly engages the RICNs in meetings and educational opportunities
- TPIC continues to engage industry as members by promoting membership and allowing opportunities for vendor participation in education days

**Meetings:** Seven meetings were held in 2010:

- January 19- standard meeting format
- February 16- full education Day
- April 13- standard meeting format
- June 22- summer get together/barbecue
- September 15- Chica conference planning meeting
- October 26- standard meeting format
- December 15- holiday social

Standard meeting format:

Committee Meetings 0900-1000 (Executive, Education)

Business Meeting 1000-1100 (includes any CHICA committee members present, updates from executive committee, education committee, RICN and Public Health)

Networking 1100-1200

Lunch (informal networking) 1200-1300

Education Session 1300-1600

Guest Speakers:

<b>January 10</b>	Topic: Physician compliance on hand hygiene. <b>Presenter: Dr.A.Belhaj</b>
<b>February 16</b>	<b>Topic:</b> TPIC-RICN 1 <sup>st</sup> annual education day <b>Presenters:</b> Leading a program to Excellence- Clare Barry Powerful Presentations and Effective Persuasion- Jo' Ann Alderson Welcoming Change into Your Life- CJ Calvert Infection Control and the Media- Ioanna Roumeliotis Strategies to Get Buy-in at the Senior Management Level- Dr. Kevin Katz Moving from Police to Support- Dr. Michael Gardam
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Topic:</b> Epidemiology, Management and Diagnostics of Norovirus <b>Presenter:</b> Anne Louise Winter
<b>June 22</b>	<b>B.B.Q</b> <b>Topic:</b> No Formal Presentation

<b>September 15</b>	No presentation- this meeting focused on Chica conference planning for Toronto 2011
<b>October 26</b>	<b>Topic:</b> Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamases <b>Presenters:</b> Allison McGeer and Matthew Mueller
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Holiday Social</b> <b>Topic:</b> Infection Control Around the World <b>Presenters:</b> Anne Bialachowski, Rebecca Yu, Judy McCarten

### 2010 Highlights

The meeting format was changed this year in order to facilitate participation of a greater number of members without the commute to downtown Toronto. Four meetings were videoconferenced from the OAHPP to the RICNs within our geographic area. As a result, the number of members participating has significantly increased. We continue to have face to face meetings 3 times a year to facilitate networking with the larger group.

In addition, TPIC, with the help of the RICNs, had an annual education day in February. We had 150 participants and 10 industry sponsors. Participant and sponsor feedback suggests a very successful day. Planning has already begun for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual TPIC-RICN education day in February 2011.

Chapter members have been actively involved in various facility, local, regional, provincial and national initiatives, throughout 2010.

- Members continue to provide instruction and mentorship to the Centennial College Infection Prevention and Control course
- TPIC in conjunction with Toronto Public Health and the Regional Infection Control Networks held its annual Long Term Care Infection Control Education Day in September 2010
- At the provincial level TPIC members continue to participate in the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) and work within the MOHLTC providing input on many best practice guidelines.
- TPIC members attended a number of national and international conferences including CHICA, APIC, and SHEA.
- TPIC members continued to participate in CHICA Canada through committees and interest groups.

Plans for 2011 include the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual TPIC-RICN education day in February, continuing with the videoconferencing format and planning for the 2011 CHICA-Canada conference in Toronto. There are also plans for further collaboration with the RICNs.

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