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The Power of One – Your Role in Infection Control National Infection Control Week – October 19-23, 2009

“The Power of One – Your Role in Infection Control!” is the theme of this year’s National Infection Control Week, October 19-23, 2009. Infection Prevention and Control programs have been widely recognized to be both clinically effective and cost-effective in preventing and controlling the spread of infections in health care settings. However, ultimately the most effective way to prevent the transmission of infection is through hand hygiene.

In health care facilities, hand hygiene is to be performed by staff, patients and visitors. Each person must take individual responsibility for performing hand hygiene which is why “The Power of One” was chosen as this year’s theme. Each time one person performs hand hygiene, whether they be in the hospital environment or in the community, the risk of infection transmission is decreased.

Now that is POWER!

National Infection Control Week will provide Infection Prevention and Control Professionals within facilities and the community alike the opportunity to promote “The Power of One” theme. Infection Prevention and Control Professionals will be providing multi-modal education and collaborating with other organizations in order to deliver the message that each and every person has the power to decrease infection transmission.

*“One life can make the difference,
One touch can show you care,
One action can spark a change,
You see, it’s in your hands.”*

Author Unknown

Keep in mind that National Infection Control Week is just the beginning. This invaluable lesson is one that must continue to be taught so that the impact of infections can be minimized.

“The Power of One- Your Role in Infection Control” – It’s that simple! Perform hand hygiene because the power is all in your hands!

CHICA–Canada is a national, multi-disciplinary, voluntary association of Infection Prevention and Control Professionals (ICPs) with 20 chapters across the country dedicated to the health of Canadians by promoting excellence in the practice of infection prevention and control

Contact the Infection Prevention and Control Professional in your hospital or community for further information on activities planned for National Infection Control Week. Visit CHICA-Canada’s web site (www.chica.org) for infection prevention and control information. For additional information or to contact your Local CHICA-Canada Chapter:

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