

CHICA – BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Number of Members: 89

Geographic area served: Mainland of British Columbia

Membership

Membership increased to 89 this year. Members represent a variety of disciplines including registered nurses, physicians, medical laboratory technologists, administrators, industry reps and retired ICPs. Members work in all fields of health care.

Meetings

The CHICA-BC group held six regular meetings at the Royal Columbian Hospital Sherbrooke site. There was one meeting in June, where 23 members from central and eastern British Columbia attended. A meeting was scheduled for October with planned participation from Puget Sound APIC. However, many conflicts, including competing education opportunities and a transit shutdown, caused this meeting to be cancelled.

2006 Education sessions included:

January 25 Felicity Hemming from Vancouver Community Health spoke on immunizations.

March 24 Dr. Rosalind Russell spoke on biofilms and legionella, waterborne pathogens in the hospital environment. This meeting was attended by the Puget Sound APIC president and vice- president. The day was sponsored by Pall Medical.

April 26 Sheena Cambell, Coordinator, Harms Reduction Program in Vancouver Coastal Health spoke about needle exchanges, and initiatives to recover and properly dispose of used syringes by the IV drug user population.

June 28 Two speakers presented: Don Costello from Nanaimo spoke on the C difficile control project in his facility. Felicia Laing spoke about the Safer Healthcare Now! initiative, and how it relates to the PICNet Surgical Site Infection Surveillance Project.

In September CHICA- BC members were invited to attend a one-day infection control workshop organized by Vancouver Community Health.

October 30 CHICA –BC education day also focused on community issues: Antibiotic resistance, MRSA and VRE at Home, Pandemic influenza, Bedbugs, Immunization, West Nile Virus, Bloodborne pathogens, and investigation of water and foodborne illnesses.

The November meeting piggy-backed onto a Bowers Medical Company annual meeting and trade show. Bowers presented speakers in the morning and graciously booked a room for the CHICA-BC meeting in the afternoon. Dr. Susan Wooten spoke about her experience with the CDC EIS investigating community acquired MRSA in children.

CHICA - BC funds teleconference participation in meetings for members outside the Lower Mainland.

CHICA - BC members have participated in the development of PICnet, a Provincial infection control networking initiative supported by the Provincial Ministry of Health.

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