

CHICA-BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Number of Members: 100

Geographical Area Served: Mainland of British Columbia

Membership

CHICA-BC saw membership of 100, which is an increase of 11 members from last year. Members represent a variety of disciplines including registered nurses, physicians, medical laboratory technologists, administrators, industry representatives, and retired members. Members work in all fields of health care.

Meetings/Highlights/Education

CHICA-BC members met five times in 2007 with members also participating by teleconference. The meetings usually consist of a business portion followed by an educational portion. Our speakers included Dr. Elizabeth Bryce on Syndromic Surveillance, Dr. Mark Hull on an Outbreak of Invasive *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, Brian Blatchford on Worksafe Regulations, Janice Verbeck and Kirsten Emley on their learnings from the CHICA Conference, and Renée Sebastian on Hand Hygiene. Networking is an important part of the meetings, and support is given to those who are preparing for the CBIC exam.

The Provincial Infection Control Network (PICNET) educational conference was held in Vancouver May 3 and 4 on topics such as surveillance of healthcare associated infections, respiratory outbreak prevention and control, antibiotic resistant organisms, and construction/renovations. The working groups met to discuss surgical site surveillance, *Clostridium difficile* surveillance, and bloodstream infection surveillance.

The CHICA-BC fall education day focused on topics of interest to residential care, and was a great success. Congratulations and thank you to the members of the planning committee: Jessica Ip, Rhonda Anslow, and Jackie Ratzlaff, as well as the speakers: Leslie Forrester, Linda Kingsbury, Louise Holmes, Margot Smythe, Dr. Reka Gustafson, Ileana Gabrilo, Dr. Victoria Cook, Nigel Headley, and Sarah Pugh. Thank you to our sponsors Bowers Medical Supply Co., Cogent Environmental Solutions, Deb Canada, Metrex, and Vancouver Coastal Health.

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