

## **HEALTHCARE FACILITY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION INTEREST GROUP**

Maja McGuire, Past Chair, compiled the results of her Construction Interest Group survey distributed in 2006. Results were presented at the June 2007 meeting in Edmonton.

A large group attended the June meeting in Edmonton and a great deal of interest was expressed by the group in developing a toolkit for infection control professionals who have not had the opportunity to learn a great deal about construction. The Healthcare Facility Design and Construction Interest Group will be working to develop this toolkit over the next year.

The TPIC chapter, with the help of the Construction Committee and other chapters of CHICA-Canada, have drafted a position statement on Healthcare Facility Design and Construction and will be submitting it to the Standards and Guidelines Committee for review in November 2007.

At the June meeting in Edmonton, Maja McGuire passed on her position to two people to co-chair for the next two-year term. Karen Stockton and Barbara Shea will be co-chairing the committee for the next two years.

Canadian Standards Association has embarked on the development of a standard for Design and Construction of Canadian Healthcare Facilities. CHICA-Canada has put forward two members as representatives on this committee: Karen Stockton (Toronto) and Sharon Wilson (Edmonton). It is anticipated that this document will take three years to complete. Please see the report from the CHICA representatives for further information on this standard. Next meeting for CSA technical subcommittee is in February 2008.

*Co-Chairs – Karen Stockton BSc MHS CIC and Barbara Shea MLT ART CIC*

## **LONG TERM CARE INTEREST GROUP**

The Long Term Care (LTC) Interest Group met June 9, 2007 at the national CHICA-Canada educational conference in Edmonton, Alberta. Lee Hannah chaired the meeting with 38 members in attendance.

Agenda items included discussions on:

- Report from Canadian Committee on Antibiotic Resistance (CCAR) on Hand Hygiene and Asepsis
- Pandemic Planning
- Foot Care Equipment
- MRSA screening
- Ingestion of Alcohol Hand Sanitizer
- Additional Resources on Internet

The Chairs, as per Terms of Reference, will step down at the end of 2007. Sara Holland volunteered to be the new Chair for the interest group for the next two years.

The interest group thanked Mary Leblanc for all of her hard work over the years and interactions with the LTC group.

Since the meeting in Edmonton, the group has had a number of interactions through e-mail to discuss topics such as:

- Maintaining leg bags and night bags
- Updates to the Long Term Care Guidelines that were originally put out by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)
- Construction of new facilities
- Glucometer use and cleaning.

The interest group continues to be active and supportive to each member dealing with LTC specific issues.

*Cathy Munford RN CIC & Lee Hanna RN CIC  
Co-Chairs*