

MENTAL HEALTH INTEREST GROUP

The group, as usual, corresponds on different issues utilizing e-mail. Jim Gauthier, Chair of the Mental Health Interest Group, has tried to summarize these answers, and will post the compilation on the CHICA-Canada website in the Mental Health Interest Group area, under Frequently Asked Questions.

Issues reviewed have included alcohol hand sanitizer placement, uniforms and contact precautions, and decolonization. One issue the group did run into is being willing to have a compilation of answers include identifiers as to who submitted the answer. Jim now requests that members who don't mind sharing their answers to use the "Reply to All" aspect of their e-mail program, those that do not want their name on the web are asked to reply to the sender only. Jim hopes to discuss this at the meeting in Montreal.

*Jim Gauthier MLT CIC
Chair, Mental Health Interest Group*

ONCOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

- Met at annual meeting in 2007
- Members list with demographic data was updated
- Discussion included: Sharing tools, policies and processes
- E-mail as a method of communication was used successfully with the group across the country last year. This year there was minimal communication through this format and although we discussed posting Q & A through the CHICA Web Board it did not materialize.

Kay has worked with the local cancer centre through the past year to further develop the pandemic plan and will share this with the group once this revision is complete.

It is hoped that further discussion at the 2008 national meeting around "Saferhealthcare Now" will aid the group in deciding what role this should play in Oncology.

The development of a survey for the group to determine the types of oncology services provided by each Healthcare institution should be drafted at the spring meeting.

*Kay Cranston
Oncology Interest Group Chair*

PEDIATRIC INTEREST GROUP

Currently the group is working on a position statement on toy management in the pediatric setting. This statement had gone to the Standardization & Guidelines Committee for review; however, the statement required further work. This will be one of the projects for the upcoming year.

We continue to network with each other across the country via our email list. Many questions and concerns are answered and shared through this.

We look forward to another year of great networking and completing the toy management position statement.

*Anne Augustin MLT CIC
Chair, Pediatric Interest Group*