

## CHICA-NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO

### Executive 2008

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### Executive 2007

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### Geography:

Northeastern Ontario is the second largest region in Ontario in terms of land area, spanning 31% of the provincial total. Four towns have populations greater than 40 000: Timmins, North Bay, Sudbury, and Sault Ste. Marie.

### Membership: 49

As the membership number shows, we have made great strides in promoting and encouraging CHICA membership in this region in the last year. This chapter was born in November 2006. We still have a long way to go with many initiatives to provide and support. Our membership includes representation from acute and long-term care, community care access centres, public health, and EMS for example.

### Meetings and Highlights:

As the NEO region is vast, all meetings were offered via videoconference. We also provided a teleconference option for those unable to participate via videoconference. CHICA-NEO held four general meetings in 2007 and discussed a variety of issues from CA MRSA, pet therapy, and MOHLTC Core Competency modules for example. 2008 will bring a clearer format for meetings including an opportunity for discussion and networking.

Through the Northeastern Ontario Infection Control Network, a detailed mailing list was possible. It is through this means of communication that we were able to provide members with important information and time sensitive documents.

In 2007, we were able to provide support at the Algoma Infection Control Conference with a joint display booth. This allowed us the opportunity to promote CHICA Canada as well as the NEO Chapter. We also asked Dr. Scott Weese to provide the group with a Pet Therapy session. This presentation was offered via videoconference and was greatly appreciated and we look forward to providing the members with other educational sessions. Our members were asked to provide us with topics of interest and a working group has been identified to begin work on upcoming education days sponsored by CHICA NEO-Chapter.

We look forward to another successful year and always count on the members to work and contribute in 2008 as they have in 2007.

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