

## **CHICA-NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO (CHICA-NWO)**

### **Executive 2007**

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**Number of Members:** 76

**Geographic Area Served:** Northwestern Ontario including Thunder Bay & District and the Kenora/Rainy River District (47% of Ontario).

### **Membership**

Includes acute, chronic/long term care, public health and community across the geographic area and includes representation from First Nations.

### **Meetings**

Regular meetings are quarterly. They include discussion on issues affecting geographic area and impact of issues from other parts of the country as well as the Northern United States. Meetings include presentations from members about current issues across the region. Guest speakers are invited on a request basis. The Scientific Committee meets for annual conference planning.

### **Highlights**

A two-day conference was held in Thunder Bay in September with the Theme “007: Live to Die Another Day”. Presentations included: Quality Systems, Reprocessing and the Canadian Standards, Outbreak Management, Table Top Pandemic Influenza Exercise, Personal Disaster Planning, Chemical, Biological, Nuclear Disasters, Hepatitis B, Navigating the Regional Infection Control Website, Risk Communication, What Public Health Professional Need to Know, Pet Therapy, Hazard Analysis and Infection Control and Blastomycosis.

*Joan Wekner RN HBScN  
Chapter President*