

## **MENTAL HEALTH INTEREST GROUP**

Jim Gauthier is now the past Chair of the interest group, and Ms. Alexis Silverman and Ms. Rebecca Yu are now co-chairs.

The group met for three hours in Montreal in June of 2008. The minutes are available on the CHICA-Canada website.

Planning continues for the Mental Health pre-conference half-day at the CHICA-Canada conference in St. John's this June. The agenda has been set and speakers are being confirmed.

Rebecca Yu has sent out a questionnaire to all Mental Health Interest Group members asking detailed questions about how Infection Prevention and Control is practised and supported in their institutions. The goal is to analyse the results in a report for presentation at either the 2009 or 2010 CHICA-Canada conference.

Continuing the work that Jim Gauthier started, Alexis Silverman and Rebecca Yu will carry on correspondence with group members via e-mail. This will include summarizing and posting responses to pose questions on infection control issues on the CHICA-Canada website in the Mental Health Interest Group area, under Frequently Asked Questions. The past chair continues to request 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 names on the web are asked to reply to the sender only.

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## **ONCOLOGY INTEREST GROUP**

- Met at annual meeting in 2008
- 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 2009 national conference around the "Safer Healthcare Now" initiative 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.

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