

SURVEILLANCE & APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

Report on Activities since the CHICA/AIPI 2008 Conference

An executive has been formed as follows:

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In addition to the executive, a working group of 18 volunteers from the larger interest group has been formed to develop priorities and move projects forward. This working group includes representation from individuals working in various disciplines and organizations across Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba. The working group continues to seek out representation from other provinces/territories.

The working group met in September to discuss the next steps for the interest group. The following initial deliverables have been established:

- Develop a surveillance tool depository – survey CHICA members for information (ie. what surveillance they are currently conducting, what tools they are using, and to identify gaps in surveillance)
- Develop an audit tool depository (ie. for hand hygiene, environmental cleaning)
- Establish annual pre-conference education day for surveillance and applied epidemiology during the annual CHICA conference

A timeframe of Spring 2009 (in time for the next annual CHICA meeting) has been set for these deliverables.

While standardizing case definitions was highlighted as a priority at the May conference, it has been brought to the attention of the interest group that there is an existing national workgroup for this area. As a result, this priority has been deferred for the time being. The SAEIG would like to connect with this national group to stay current with their developments.

The SAEIG has been added to the CHICA website http://www.chica.org/Members/members_surv.html
Here CHICA members can find the group's Terms of Reference and minutes from past meetings.

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