

TORONTO AND AREA PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL (TPIC)

Executive 2008

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Geographic Area Served: Greater Toronto Area (GTA) bounded by Mississauga (West), Barrie (North), and Oshawa (East).

Membership: TPIC continues to support and recruit ICP's as the membership has grown to 320 members as of December 31, 2008. The membership is comprised of individuals from diverse educational backgrounds and work experiences such as: acute care, long term care and rehabilitation centers, community care, public health, industry, and the Regional Infection Control Networks. On average, 47 members attend the meetings.

A needs assessment was sent out to chapter members in December 2007 to determine how we can meet the needs of our members. The results were summarized and presented to the membership in January 2008. The findings of the needs assessment identified areas for improvement such as improving communication and finding a better meeting place.

TPIC ensures that the members are informed by sending communications in a timely manner using e-mail. In addition, members are provided an opportunity to host meetings at their place of work. The inclusiveness and a break of routine engages the members.

Meetings: Seven meetings were held in 2008: January 15, February 12, April 15, June 10 (summer get together/barbecue), September 16, October 28 and December 16 (including our Christmas social)

Standard meeting format:

Committee Meetings 0900-1000 (Executive, Education, Marketing, Construction)

Business Meeting 1000-1100 (includes any CHICA committee members present)

Networking 1100-1200

Lunch (informal networking) 1200-1300

Education Session 1300-1600

Guest Speakers:

<p>January 15</p>	<p>Topic: <i>Management of incontinence due to Infectious diarrhea</i></p> <p>Presenters: <i>Catherine Milne</i></p>
<p>February 12</p>	<p>Topic: TB in Pediatric Patients</p> <p>Presenters: Dr. Ian Kitai, The Hospital for Sick Children</p>
<p>April 15</p>	<p>Topic: Product Evaluation, Understanding Label Claims, Evaluation of Hand Hygiene Products</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Nataly Farhait & DRRH IPAC Team, Nicole Kenny (Virox), Dean DeCarlo (GOJO), Simone Wartman (Medline), David Green (Deb Canada)</i></p>

June 10	B.B.Q Topic: No Formal Presentation
<i>September 16</i>	Topic: Poster/Oral presentations from recent conferences Presenters: TPIC members
October 28	Topic: MRSA roadshow Presenters:
December 16	Christmas Social Topic: Digging in Israel Presenters: David Arthur Douglas and Carol Goldman

2008 Highlights

This was a busy and rewarding year for the TPIC. Chapter members have been actively involved in many facility, local, regional and provincial initiatives. At the facility level members have been implementing the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) “Just Clean Your Hands” program and continuing to work on the “Safer Health Care Now!” Initiative. Members continue to provide instruction and mentorship to the Centennial College Infection Prevention and Control course. TPIC’s LTC interest group in conjunction with Toronto Public Health and the MOHLTC held its annual Long Term Care Infection Control Education Day to continued success. Several facilities within our geographic area also hosted education events which drew large numbers of TPIC members as well as members from other chapters. TPIC also had the opportunity to host the MRSA Roadshow.

At the provincial level TPIC members continue to participate in the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) and work within the MOHLTC providing input on many best practice guidelines. Members were also involved with the development of the General Output Specifications (GOS), guidelines for renovations and construction of new healthcare facilities. TPIC members were also part of Infection Control Resource Teams (ICRTs) established by the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion to provide assistance to facilities with outbreak investigation and management.

TPIC members also remained active in CHICA interest groups and committees throughout the year. The Healthcare Facility Design Position Statement was coauthored by TPIC members. In addition, TPIC members were also involved in the development of the new Surveillance and Applied Epidemiology interest group.

Nationally and internationally TPIC members also presented posters and oral presentations at a number of conferences including SHEA, APIC, CHICA, and IFIC. At the CHICA conference in Montreal several TPIC members received awards for their abstracts and TPIC was awarded with the 3M chapter achievement award.

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