

CHICA-HANDIC

Executive 2009

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Number of Members: 138

Geographic Area Served: Hamilton and Neighbouring Districts (Hamilton, Halton, Burlington, Oakville, Mississauga, Cambridge, Fergus, Brantford, St. Catherine's, Niagara)

Membership

The CHICA-HANDIC membership includes novice and experienced professionals from varying disciplines: nurses, public health inspectors, medical laboratory technologist and industry representatives of varying backgrounds. The majority of members hold positions and or responsibilities in or for infection prevention and control in acute care, long term care, community health, public health and Regional Infection Control Networks (RICNs).

Meetings

Full day meetings are held the middle Fridays of February, April, July, September and December. Our morning is devoted to chapter business, updates and questions, followed by a networking lunch. Afternoon sessions have an educational component provided by an invited guest or chapter members. Standing agenda items for chapter business include: celebration of CIC and SARE successes, alerts and outbreak reports from members as well as reports from the President, Treasurer, interest groups, CHICA-Canada, Infection Control Ontario and the RICNs.

Education

February: Infection Control Resource Teams, Liz Van Horne

April: Reviewed 2 videos: Super Bugs: A Nightmare on Your Hands MRSA and *C.difficile* in Long Term Care; and The Chain of Transmission

September How to work with the media to present your projects and stories in a positive light, by Robb Jay of the Hamilton Spectator

November Education replaced by Christmas Outreach program for LTC Homes: Creating tree decorations with an IPAC hand hygiene theme

Highlights

CHICA-HANDIC Annual Education Day was held June 18th at a local convention centre. The theme for 2009 was "Keep Your Boat Afloat".

- Participants: 425
- Evaluations: Received from 196 of participants,
- Results were very positive.

Topics and speakers included:

"Wind in Your Sails": Using Social Marketing to Promote Infection Control - Francois Lagarde (a speaker sponsored by the local RICNs)

Pirates of the Bugs We're Sea'in": MRSA and C. difficile Speak Out! - Virginia Tirilis and Mark Jefferson (a skit by local chapter members)

"Changing Your Course": Antibiotic Stewardship – Donna Lowe (a pharmacist/invited speaker)

“The Lighthouse Keeper’s Beacon”: Integrating Quality Measurements in a Hospital Environmental Cleaning Program - Cindy O’Neill (local chapter member)
“Yo-Ho-Ho & A Bottle Of Rum”: Lunch & Exhibits
“Poop Decks and Port Holes”: Specimen Collection and How to Read a Micro Report - Susan Cooper
“Ahoy Matey!” Community Associated MRSA in Action - Dr. Maureen Cividino
“Getting Your Bearings”: Creating a B.E.T.T.E.R Infection Control Culture - Andrea Iacurci
“Coming Ashore”: Closing Remarks Risa Cashmore, President Elect, CHICA-HANDIC

Funds were used to support members attending the 2009 National Conference

National Infection Control Week Support:

Financial assistance was provided to 11 organizations to promote awareness of Infection Prevention and Control during this week. Those receiving assistance were asked to submit documentation to show how the funds were used in their facilities

Special Events:

Christmas Outreach at Christmas to LTC Homes:

The membership used the educational component of the November meeting to make Christmas tree ornaments incorporating an Infection Prevention and Control theme which were then donated to long term care homes in the region to help celebrate the holiday season and promote hand hygiene.

Awards:

Ecolab Poster Contest Winner: Kim Baker
3M Chapter Award

Barb Shea MLT ART
Chapter President