

CHICA-HUPIC

2009 EXECUTIVE:

President: Jo-Anne McConnell RN CIC
President elect: Bev Morgan MLT
Secretary: Susan Shular,
Treasurer: Brenda Tanner RN CIC

2010 EXECUTIVE:

President: Bev Morgan MLT
President-elect: Barb Schmidt RN BScN
Secretary: Brenda Tanner RN CIC
Treasurer: Nancy Brown MLT

Geographical Area Served: CHICA-HUPIC membership is available to those persons residing in the surrounding area of Huron, Bruce, Perth, Grey and surrounding counties.

Number of Members: CHICA-HUPIC Chapter has 24 members.

Membership

Our membership consists of a variety of professionals with various backgrounds. The majority of members are employed by acute care hospitals, local health unit and long term care facilities. Our small chapter membership has the advantage of members with many facets of knowledge and practices of infection control. Our meetings have become a communication tool to inform each other of current community events. For those members who have limited institutional resources and dedicated time for infection control, our membership supports those persons with assistance in problem solving, education and the sharing of resources. Our membership is also strongly supported and attended by our Regional Infection Control Network Coordinator and educator (RICN-South West).

2009 Meetings/Highlights/ Education

Meetings are held quarterly which are held alternately in two locations 50 km apart because of geographical area served. An additional full day dedicated to education is usually planned inviting guest speakers to discuss relevant infection control issues; however, the H1N1 Pandemic virus in our community forced our members to focus on this threat. Our meetings consists of news from CHICA, news from the Regional Infection Control Networks, current updates from the Grey Bruce Health Unit, HUPIC recruitment strategies, upcoming educational opportunities to discuss new "Best Practices" documents. Each meeting is ended by a round table discussion on individuals asking for support and information on particular situations. This past year's highlight in infection prevention and control, is our local health unit keeping us informed of the current situation of H1N1 in our community. Unfortunately the guest speakers for the December meeting cancelled because of this.

The HUPIC chapter supported our President Jo-Anne McConnell to attend the St. John's CHICA conference last June.

Date & Location of Meetings:

March 4, 2009: Hanover & District Hospital, Hanover
May 21, 2009: Grey Bruce Health Unit, Owen Sound
September 18, 2009: Grey Bruce Health Unit, Owen Sound

Bev Morgan MLT
Chapter President