

CHICA-MANITOBA

Executive 2009

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Number of Members: 63

Geographic Area Served: The province of Manitoba, excluding Churchill (due to lack of current membership in this region)

Membership

Members include representatives from: industry, public health, acute care, long term care, community, educators, mental health, and personal care homes.

Meetings

The chapter meets the second Tuesday of every month for the afternoon excluding May (in lieu of the National Conference), July, and August. At each meeting there is a 45-minute educational component followed by a 90-minute business meeting.

Highlights

- Manitoba chapter members struck a sub-committee to host the annual poster contest; 45 submissions were reviewed, with “The Power of One” chosen as the winning entry.
- During National Infection Control Week (NICW), October 19th to 23rd, the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA) Manitoba chapter, with the support of the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety (MIPS) launched the annual provincial campaign to encourage all Manitobans to participate in achieving safer health care.
 - The campaign theme this year built on CHICA National’s theme of the “Power of One”; that one person can stop the spread of illness.
 - The campaign’s main messages included the 3 C’s: “Clean your hands”, “Cover your cough”, and “Consider others (stay home if you are sick)”.
 - An Infection Control Week campaign letter along with a media release, campaign poster, and tent cards were available through the CHICA-Manitoba website, were distributed to all members of CHICA-Manitoba, as well as local physician’s offices, medical/dental clinics, and schools.
 - The MB Chapter NICW toolkit that was established in 2008 was updated for 2009 with new school friendly activities.
 - The campaign enjoyed the most success in one of Winnipeg’s public school districts where the NICW committee members attended a classroom to share the campaign messages and the toolkit, this event was attended by local television stations including CBC (English and French), Shaw and CTV.
- The NICW committee chair also created and distributed an Infection Control Tips Fact Sheet for the Sports Medicine Council of Manitoba that was well received and is available on the Sport Manitoba website.
- Members of the chapter responded to several education requests by volunteering their time to conduct Routine Practices sessions for Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba Child and Family Services, nursing students at St. Boniface University, the health care aid programs at South Winnipeg Technical College and Herzing College, the dental assistants program at CDI college, and school children/educators in various local school districts.

- Five members were able to attend the National CHICA Conference “Solid Foundations, Shifting Horizons” in Newfoundland, and two members presented posters.
- The chapter reviewed its Strategic Plan that was originally written in 2007 to update it with new strategic directions in keeping with the revised national plan. We were pleased to discover that all our initiatives remained consistent with the national plan. Work on previously defined initiatives will continue as well as a new direction to look at retention and re-recruitment of some of our retired members.
- Job descriptions have been completed, approved, and posted on the member’s only section of the Manitoba chapter website for the chapter executive to provide clarity around the role expectations and tasks. The next steps to be completed in 2010 are to create Terms of Reference for each committee to outline the expectations of committee participation.
- The chapter participated in many of the Webber Teleclasses throughout the year making access available through the Riverview Health Centre.

Educational Presentations at Monthly Meetings:

January 2009:	Lieutenant Laura Sawkey presented on Infection Prevention & Control in the Military
February 2009:	Education session deferred due to Annual General Meeting (AGM)
March 2009:	Doris Sawatzky-Dickson presented on Assessing Publications
April 2009:	Tracy Lloyd presented on the New Public Health Act
September 2009:	Gale Shultz presented on Sterilization and Disinfection
October 2009:	No education session due to speaker cancellation
November 2009:	Marie Edwards presented on Ethical Decision Making in Infection Control
December 2009:	Dr. Heather Adam presented on Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae

Annual Chapter Conference

The chapter’s annual one day education conference was held at the Victoria Inn on June 19, 2009. The conference was well attended by health care professionals from a wide array of settings across the province.

Speakers included:

Dr. Michael Gardam	Topic: Positive Deviance
Nancy Gates	Topic: Scabies, Lice and Bed Bugs
Dr. William Libich	Topic: Immigrant and Refugee Health
Nina Williams	Topic: GI Outbreak Management & Case Scenarios

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