

## **CHICA-NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

### **2010 Executive**

President: Merlee Steele-Rodway RN  
President-elect: Beverley Pittman RN  
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Treasurer: Lynn Mercer BN

**No. of Members:** 43

**Geographic Area Served:** The Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

### **Membership**

Our membership has increased during the last year. Our membership spans the continuum of care, from community/public health to acute care and long-term care. We are fortunate to have expanded to include clinical nursing staff, physicians, laboratory staff and industry representatives. Our members work in regional health authorities, which serve large geographical areas. Several of our members are active on Special Interest Groups.

### **Meetings**

Nine meetings were held last year through the provincial teleconference system. Teleconference meetings usually consist of a business session followed by an educational or regional report from ICP's. H1N1 planning and immunizations consumed our Infection Prevention and Prevention, Public Health and Communicable Disease Teams across the Newfoundland and Labrador. Everyone came together in this critical time.

### **Education**

CHICA-NL played host to a very successful 2009 National Conference this year. We are planning now for our own annual two-day education conference and general meeting to be hosted by our members in St. Anthony in September.

Webber Teleconferences are provided to the CHICA-NL membership by the provincial government.

Several ICP's have completed the Queen's University program for Infection Prevention and Control last year and newly hired ICP's are presently enrolled this year.

3M will sponsor a Provincial Sterilization Education Day for Infection Prevention and Control Practitioners and Medical Device Reprocessing staff.

CSA will hold their Annual Medical Device Reprocessing Conference in St. John's in October 2010.

### **Government**

The Provincial Infection Prevention and Control Network, PIC-NL, has met on a monthly basis to develop provincial policies and standards for infection prevention and control programs as well to develop Provincial Pandemic Plans.

*Merlee Steele-Rodway RN  
Chapter President 2008-September 2010*