

CHICA-NOVA SCOTIA

2009 Executive

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Number of Members: CHICA-NS consists of seventy-eight (78) members. The majority of members are from acute care or long term care settings. We are also fortunate to have members from home care, industry, and public health.

Geographic Area Served: The Province of Nova Scotia

MEETINGS

The chapter met six times in 2009. Meetings are held on Friday afternoons in various healthcare sites near Halifax. Members travel from all areas of the province to attend and drive up to four hours, one way. Meeting format consists of committee meetings in the morning, then a networking lunch followed by a one hour business meeting and a two-hour Education Session. In 2009 these included:

February: MRSA Road Show in partnership with BD and CHICA Canada. Guest speakers included Dr. Michael Melvie, Dr. Lynn Johnston and Lea Gutterman

April: A members brainstorming session

June: Speakers from the Department of Health Promotion and Protection in response to H1N1: Jennifer Cutler on ILI screening in ERs for acute care and Dee Mombourquette on the ILI Long Term Care Toolkit. We also enjoyed a pizza party to celebrate the start of summer!

September: Two education sessions: LTC Jeopardy! by Danielle Henri which included lots of fun and prizes; and an acute care focus group facilitated by Elizabeth Watson looking at educational tools to accompany the new draft Routine Practice and Additional Precautions.

October: Suzanne Rhodenizer-Rose and Patsy Rawding, Provincial Infection Control consultants provided an education session on HINI followed by a round table discussion.

November: CHICA NS annual Education Symposium. This annual education conference includes a day and a half with education sessions, a “Strut Your Stuff” poster presentation, networking, and a wine and cheese with vendors. Keynote speaker was Dr. Michael Gardam presenting on the topic: How’s Infection Control Working for You? Other speakers included Dr. Todd Hatchette, Dr. Michelle Alfa, Dr. Joanne Langley and several CHICA NS Infection Control Practitioners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Our annual CHICA NS conference was supported by 23 vendors from industry who set up exhibits for both days of the conference. The conference had 120 in attendance.
- The Executive and Education Chair met in January for an annual planning session and again in July for a strategic planning day.
- Several CHICA NS members were able to take part in the CHICA Canada national conference in St John’s. CHICA NS awarded four sponsorships for members to attend the conference and in addition provided funding for our new treasurer to be present at the finance committee meeting.
- Two CHICA NS members were recipients of a Virox scholarship for 2009.
- Mary LeBlanc was awarded an honorary membership in CHICA NS.

CHAPTER GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2010:

- Development of Interest Groups, especially Long Term Care, within the province in association with the CHICA - Canada Interest groups.
- Continue to increase educational learning opportunities for novice Infection Control Practitioners.
- Increase support and educational sessions by utilizing our more experienced CHICA NS members and our industry partners.
- To continue to provide financial support to CHICA NS members pursuing education in Infection Prevention and Control.
- Increase membership.
- Continue with strategic planning.
- Increase the visibility of CHICA Nova Scotia within the province and explore opportunities to further inform the public of our role.
- Increase the advocacy role of CHICA NS at the provincial and national level.

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