

## CHICA-OTTAWA REGION

### 2009 Executive:

President:	Janice Banford RN
Past President-elect:	Donna Baker RN CIC
Secretary:	Nancy Todd-Giordano RN CIC
Treasurer/Membership:	Allyson Shephard RN MScN
Membership	Judy Dennis RRT

### 2010 Executive:

President:	Nancy Todd-Giordano RN CIC
Past President	Janice Banford RN
Secretary:	Katherine Defalco R.N.
Treasurer	(interim) Judy Dennis RRT
Membership:	Judy Dennis RRT

**Geographic Area Served:** Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and the Outaouais Region.

**Membership:** A total 96 members with representation from acute care, long term care, community, paramedics, industry, federal government, dialysis and RICNs.

### Meetings

The chapter meets five times throughout the year with round table discussion and education sessions following the business portion of the half-day meetings. An additional two meetings were held by the executive committee.

### Highlights

Educational components of CHICA-Ottawa Region meetings included:

- Presentation “Mould and Mould Remediation” presented to the chapter by J MacLeod IC Construction Coordinator at The Ottawa Hospital.
- Video conferencing / educational sessions are coordinated for meetings as available dependent on meeting site.
- Opportunity to attend excellent education seminar provided by the Champlain Infection Control Network in February 2009 - “The Sick Travelers” attended by several members
- An education session was held on “Critical Appraisal” for the members.
- Dr. Nadine Sicard presented “Clostridium difficile- The Quebec Experience
- Ms R. D’Amour RN MScN Nurse Consultant / Public Health Agency of Canada presented to the members “The ABC’s of CJD”
- The CHICA – Ottawa conference / working group committee organizes an education day every second year CHICA Ottawa will partner with CHICA Renfrew in providing a one day educational event in spring 2010.
- Members participated in the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care and other educational opportunities via videoconferencing via the Champlain Infection Control Network (CICN) or through individual institutional access through Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) .

Round table discussions are very popular and members enjoy sharing information and exchanging of ideas great opportunities to dialogue.

Approximately six members attended the 2009 CHICA-Canada conference in Newfoundland. Our chapter provided funding assistance for several of the members to attend the conference.

Our Champlain Infection Control Network has begun another CIC Study Group for members preparing for the CIC exam.

Members of CHICA-Ottawa Region remain very active on the Regional Champlain Infection Control Network Steering Committee and/or on the four subcommittees: Education, Surveillance, Outbreak Management and a Scientific Advisory Group.

*Janice Banford RN  
Chapter President 2009*