

CHICA-SASKPIC

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Number of Members: 64

Geographic Area Served: Saskatchewan

Membership

Our membership is comprised of individuals from a wide range of health care specialties and industry and working across all sectors of care in the province; acute, continuing and community care, cancer care, corrections and government.

Meetings

The chapter held two video-conference chapter meetings held in conjunction with an education session this year. BrendaLynn Ens, Saskatchewan Liaison Officer for the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health, spoke at the February meeting. At the June meeting several members shared highlights from the CHICA Newfoundland conference. The third chapter meeting was held in September at the time of our annual education conference.

Highlights

An activity of note this year was a resolution submitted to the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association at their annual meeting that they, in conjunction with partner health discipline organizations, sign onto and promote the Canada Hand Hygiene Campaign. The resolution was passed and acted on by preparation of a poster distributed province wide, launch of the poster, and brief discussion at an interdisciplinary conference. SRNA has accepted two articles for publication in its newsletter related to hand hygiene from the President-elect of CHICA-SASKPIC.

The annual education conference was well attended despite preparations for pH1N1, and the interactive sessions were enjoyed by all. A long-time CHICA and SASKPIC member, Avis Hardy, was honoured at the meeting for her contribution to our professional group.

The chapter was able to support one member to attend the national conference and another to take a course to further their knowledge of infection prevention and control. Nine of our members were able to attend the national conference this year and two others attended the APIC conference.

Two members are known to have attained certification for the first time this year.

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Chapter President