

## **CHICA-SOUTHERN ALBERTA**

### **Executive 2009**

President:	Debbie Lam-Li BSc ART CIC
President-elect:	Debra Doe RN BScN
Past President:	Kathryn Bush MSc MLT
Secretary:	Heather MacLaurin RN BScN
Treasurer:	Eileen Stamp RN BSc
Education Coordinator:	Jennifer Ellison MSc
Seminar Coordinator:	Marlene Montgomery RN

### **Executive 2010**

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**Number of Members:** 65

### **Geographic Area Served:**

Southern Alberta, this includes all areas from Red Deer south to the United States border, west to the British Columbia border and east to the Saskatchewan border.

### **Membership**

CHICA Southern Alberta is comprised of members with varied backgrounds representing several sectors in health care including acute care (adult and pediatric), continuing care, home care, community, public health, industry and education.

### **Meetings**

The chapter meetings are held in Calgary, on the first Wednesday of the month. There are eight meetings annually (no meetings in July, August or December). Due to provincial healthcare reorganization and workload issues this year, the 2009 February, May and November meetings were cancelled. To facilitate meeting attendance for out of town chapter members, the chapter has started using teleconferences since the April meeting.

- January, March and October meetings were focused on Chapter business and networking, seminar 2010 planning and identifying chapter needs.
- The April meeting was focused on education. This year's education offering included a lecture on "Critical Appraisal - the process of systematically examining research evidence to assess its validity, results and relevance before using it to inform a decision" from professor of Hospital Epidemiology (and CHICA-Southern Alberta member) Dr. Betty-Ann Henderson.
- The June meeting was a social event with a catered lunch and CHICA-Canada Conference debriefing for members. It was a great social time and venue for members to network.
- The September meeting was jointly attended by CHICA-Northern Alberta and CHICA-Southern Alberta members via videoconferencing. Brenda Hannah, Vice President of Infection Prevention and Control from Alberta Health Services, presented the goals and vision of Infection Prevention and Control under Alberta Health Services.

**Highlights**

- The chapter has adopted a new logo. The new logo will be in use starting 2010.
- The chapter completed a learning needs survey for planning of future education sessions.
- Debra Doe represented the chapter to review College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta Blood Borne Virus Reporting requirements.
- The chapter had a joint meeting with CHICA-Northern Alberta using videoconference for the first time. Members provided positive feedback of using videoconference for future joint meetings and education opportunities.
- The chapter plans to reformat monthly meetings to include additional joint meetings and education sessions in 2010.

*Debbie Lam-Li BSc ART CIC*

*Chapter President*