

PICNet

Provincial Infection Control Network - BC

Hello Everyone,

It was great to see a number of PICNet's community of practice at the CHICA conference last month. Our congratulations go to CHICA-Canada for hosting such an excellent conference.

As well, all of you should know that the manner by which PICNet has chosen to operate and its tremendous accomplishments in just one year have been noted and are the envy of many of your colleagues across the country and internationally! Our thanks to you for all your hard work.

Third Stakeholder Summit

Remember the date for the Third Stakeholder Summit is **June 21, 2006**. The deadline for free registration is June 15, 2006. We are limited to 100 participants and will honour registrants on a first come first served basis. We currently have over 60 participants registered so don't miss out! This is a great opportunity to network with your colleagues. Visit [www.picnetbc.ca/3rd PICNet Stakeholder Summit](http://www.picnetbc.ca/3rdPICNetStakeholderSummit) for full details on registration!

The summit will be your first chance to get a closer look at the results of the province-wide needs assessment. Participants will be actively involved in planning how PICNet will move forward to address the recommendations from the report.

A new feature at this summit includes an opportunity for our members to showcase initiatives that have been undertaken to promote infection prevention and control in BC. There will be oral presentations and a host of posters available for your interest and education. Topics include C-section surveillance, isolation practices in the emergency, implementing VIRAP in the NHA and more!

Needs Assessment Project Update

The Needs Assessment is complete! The final draft document has been presented to the PICNet Steering Committee and will be presented to the Provincial Medical Services Committee on June 8th, 2006. Following that we will be preparing to present the findings to our community of practice at the upcoming Stakeholder Summit on June 21, 2006.

MRSA

Steve Gaspar, a graduate student, has joined PICNet this summer. Steve is completing a master's degree in Population and Public Health in the new Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University. For Steve's summer project he is looking at, among other things, the current surveillance guidelines for methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) in BC. Learn more about what Steve is doing at the upcoming Stakeholder Summit on June 21, 2006.

Webber Training Debrief

Since February 2006 the Provincial Infection Control Network of BC (PICNet – BC) has hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training (<http://webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php>). These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other healthcare professionals worldwide. The charts

below list the topics of interest, the outlines, the name and affiliation of the presenters, for the upcoming teleclasses in the month of June.

Date:	Topic of Interest:	Teleclass Outline:	Presenter:
June 1 st , 2006	Infection Control in Construction	Hospitals and other healthcare facilities are being built and/or renovated. There are infection control issues that come up during times of construction that ICP's do not face any other time. This teleclass will look at the infection control risk due to construction, and will discuss ways to reduce or eliminate additional risk.	Dr. Andrew Steifel, University of Minnesota
June 8 th , 2006	Zoonotic Infections from Pets	Avian influenza aside, there are a large number of other infections that are caused by contact with animals. This teleclass will discuss the specific infections that cross the species barrier, how they are transmitted, and how we can prevent the transmission or limit the impact of the disease.	Dr. Corrie Brown, University of Georgia
June 22 nd , 2006	Controlling Pediatric Respiratory Infections	This teleclass will be presented by 3 pediatric experts and will cover the following" - overview of common respiratory organisms with a particular focus on RSV - viral respiratory infections - transmission and placement - prevention strategies for the neonatal population	Marion Yetman, Laurie Streitenberger, Anne Augustin
June 29 th , 2006	Bloodborne Pathogen Control Across the Continuum of Care	Controlling bloodborne pathogens is a challenge to any healthcare team - acute care, long term care, emergency services, home care. It manifests itself in more ways than cleaning up fluid spills on a floor. This teleclass will discuss where the risks of bloodborne pathogen transmission are, and how they can be managed.	Susan Sebazco, Arlington Memorial Hospital

Recent and Upcoming PICNet Meetings

	MAY	JUNE
Steering Committee	May 24	
Surgical Site Surveillance WG		June 1
Third Stakeholder Summit		June 21
Priority and Planning Committee		June 21

Hygiene and Asepsis Consensus Guidelines – CCAR

The Canadian Committee on Antibiotic Resistance (CCAR) has asked PICNet to circulate the draft "Hygiene and Asepsis Consensus Guidelines for Long Term Care and Community Care including Health Care Offices". The document is the second attachment in this e-mail. Please e-mail your comments in care of picnet@bccdc.ca no later than June 16, 2006.

LTC Survey

As many of you already know, Dr. Dick Zoutman, is currently performing a Canada-wide survey of infection control resources in long-term care facilities. PICNet would like to encourage you to complete the survey, as the BC data will be very valuable for future advocacy in this area. That being said, participation in this study is voluntary. As well, everyone should know that the respondents and LTCFs will never be identified in presentations of the results. You may download a [survey letter](#) and a [survey form](#) by visiting the CHICA website at: <http://www.chica.org/> and looking under "Headlines". **DEADLINE: June 15th, 2006.**

Communications Working Group - **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

PICNet is looking for members for the Communications Leadership Group. Responsibilities include policy development and leadership to the PICNet Management Office with regards to communications priorities and activities.

This volunteer commitment will involve quarterly meetings to review priorities and progress towards goals, as well as one-two teleconferences per year, as required. In addition, documents requiring review will be circulated via email.

PICNet members interested in participating on the Communications Leadership Group are encouraged to contact Janice DeHeer at Janice.deheer@interiorhealth.ca or Bruce Gamage at bruce.gamage@bccdc.ca.

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