

PICNet

Provincial Infection Control Network – BC “Debugging Healthcare Together!”

Pandemic Influenza Management Committee - Public Health Sub Committee

PICNet sits as a member on the Provincial Pandemic Influenza Management Committee – Public Health Sub Committee. To date, the members of this committee have identified gaps in the following areas: Laboratory Services, First Nations, Quarantine Services, Surveillance, Vaccination, Social Distancing, Business Continuity, Residential Care and Infection Control. The next step is developing plans to address the gaps. In that respect, PICNet has been asked to prepare a proposal to address infection control education/training for across the continuum of care. Specifically this education will focus on infection control activities related to Pan Flu. Bruce Gamage and Margaret Litt will be drafting the proposal and sharing it with PICNet members for their comments/input during the month of November 2006. *(Next month we will update you on the other sub committee PICNet sits on, the Pandemic Influenza Management Committee – Clinical Care Sub Committee)*

PICNet Needs Assessment Process – Moving Ahead

In keeping with PICNet’s commitment to share information and facilitate collaboration across the province, key findings from the Needs Assessment Report have been presented to each Health Authority. As you will remember, the Needs Assessment Report ("An Assessment of Infection Control Activities Across the Province of British Columbia") included a number of *Key Findings* and made *Recommendations* based on those findings that were initially identified and later validated by PICNet's Stakeholders at the Third Stakeholder Summit. In an effort to ensure that these *Recommendations* are addressed, PICNet's Project Priority and Planning Committee (P3) has asked the Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) to continue to work together to address the priorities identified in the report. In its first meeting this fall the NAWG identified two priorities to pursue – first, to identify the roles and responsibilities of health care professionals involved in the prevention and control of health care associated infections (HAI) and second, to use that data toward developing recommendations for the human resources required across the continuum of care to fulfill those roles.

The NAWG will be meeting face-to-face on Wednesday, November 1st to begin this vital work.

Seasonal Febrile Respiratory Illness Outbreak Prevention and Control Guidelines

Although fall is a very busy time of year for all of us, the work of the RI Working Group is advancing very quickly. We are pleased to report that our fourth draft has been sent to the PICNet Steering Committee for their review and feedback. In a few weeks' time the working group will review all the comments and prepare the final draft which, once endorsed by the PICNet Steering Committee, will be available for all to use. Great work everyone!

Communications Leadership Group

The Communications Leadership Group meets monthly to address communications priorities for PICNet. Three projects are underway:

- Web site redesign – The group will be reviewing ‘mock-ups’ for the redesign over the next month. The goal is to launch the new site in the New Year after approval for the redesign has been received from the Steering Committee.
- PICNet Display Board – The group has collaborated on the design of a 3-panel display board that will be used by PICNet at upcoming conferences and meetings. The first opportunity to use the board will be at the Public Health Association of BC meeting to be held in Vancouver November 26-28.
- Office of the Auditor General report communication plan – The group is collaborating with our communications consultant to prepare a communications plan to assist PICNet and the Health Authorities to respond to the OAG’s report on Infection Control in BC. The report is expected to be released publicly in February 2007.

Surgical Site Infections Surveillance Working Group

The SSI Working Group is finalizing their report on a framework for surgical site infection surveillance. The recommendations will be presented to the Steering Committee in December.

Webber Training Debrief

Since February 2006 PICNet has hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training (<http://webbertraining.com/schedule1.php>). These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other health care professionals worldwide. The chart below provides an overview of the upcoming teleclasses in the month of November.

Date:	Topic of Interest:	Presenter:
November 9, 2006	The Physics of Flying Feces – Can We Do Better?	Jim Gauthier, Providence Continuing Care Centres
November 16, 2006	Exploration and Advantages of New Test Methods for Tuberculosis	Dr. Michael Gardam, University of Toronto
November 21, 2006	UK Teleclass – Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections	Lauren Tew

November 30, 2006	Preventing Surgical Site Infections	Bonnie Barnard, St. Peter's Hospital, Montana
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Upcoming PICNet Meetings

Meeting	Date
Needs Assessment Working Group	November 1
Communications Leadership Group	November 8
Priority and Planning Committee	November 30
Steering Committee	December 5

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