

PICNet

BC's Provincial Infection Control Network "Debugging Healthcare Together!"

BC Auditor General's Report – an Update

We have news that the Office of the Auditor General has nearly finished their draft report on Infection Control in BC. We understand that they are planning to present it to their advisory committee mid November. Following the committee review the Ministry of Health and the Health Authorities (HA) can expect to see a draft in late November or early December. The auditors will be asking for a 2-3 week response regarding accuracy, after which they will finalize and redistribute the report to the HAs and the Ministry of Health (estimated late Dec/ early January), giving a further 4 weeks for development of a response that would be included in the published report. Public release will most likely occur in February.

Febrile Respiratory Illness Outbreak Guidelines Working Group

The FRI Working Group, renamed RI (Respiratory Illness) Working Group, has progressed very well in the development of their guidelines. There are now 25 members, with 14 experts in Infection Control, 3 in Occupational Health and Safety and 8 in Public Health. An attendance of 80-86% at meetings over the summer months has enabled this group to advance very quickly, and they are now beginning to write the third draft of the document. On approval from the PICNet Steering Committee, this draft will go to the wider community of practice for review. The goal remains to have these guidelines completed by the end of 2006.

Project Priority and Planning Committee (P3)

The Project Priority and Planning Committee wishes to update everyone on the status of PICNet's working groups. Figure 1 below highlights the planned timelines for the current working groups. As well, it identifies that the next two working groups PICNet will be forming are: 1) the Antibiotic Resistant Guidelines Working Group, and 2) the CDAD Surveillance Working Group. All those interested in working on either of these two working groups should contact the PICNet Management Office at picnet@bccdc.ca.

FIGURE 1

April 2006 – April 2007

	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A
Needs Assessment Working Group													
Surgical Site Infection Surveillance Working Group													
Respiratory Illness Working Group													
Antibiotic Resistant Guidelines Working Group													
CDAD Surveillance Working Group													

Communications Leadership Group

The communications leadership group is actively working on a redesign of the website with a goal of unveiling the new design this December. Some changes have already been made! Watch the website at www.picnetbc.ca for these exciting developments.

Needs Assessment Working Group

The Project Priority and Planning Committee asked the Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) to address the recommendations and next steps from their "Assessment of Infection Control Activities across the Province of British Columbia". The NAWG met again on September 26th and set the following objectives:

1. To define roles and responsibilities of personnel involved in infection prevention and control (i.e. Public Health, Occupational Health, and IC professionals including physicians and/or doctoral level staff, clerical/support staff, lab technicians and epidemiologists)
2. Establish recommendations for the number of infection control, public health and occupational health professionals in different types of health care settings in BC to support infection prevention and control services
3. To develop a template business case for HAs outlining resources required to support infection prevention and control services
4. Identify core competencies for professionals working in infection prevention and control
5. Identify opportunities and gaps for development of core competencies for infection prevention and control

The NAWG also made the following recommendations:

	Original Priority	Revision to Priority	Comments
1	Staffing: "Develop strategies for the active recruitment of infection control prevention and control staff"	Refer to the Communications Leadership Group. Suggestion of the development of a pamphlet to target potential ICPs (including information on the work of an ICP/how to become involved in infection prevention and control as a career)	
2	Education and training: "Establish funding for infection control education/training and continuing education."	This priority should become part of the business case template, to be devised by Project Manager Part 2	
3	Education and training: "Increase educational/training opportunities across all disciplines"	Merged to become part of objective #5 above	Suggestion that PICNet keep in mind the goal of expanding professional training in the future; call for more promotion of Infection Control and IC practices
4	Addressing inconsistencies in surveillance methodology	Refer to P3 Committee to review and prioritize as needed.	

PICNet Stakeholder's Summit

The next PICNet Stakeholder Summit is planned for April 2007. We are currently looking for volunteers to be part of the planning committee. Please contact the PICNet Management Office at picnet@bccdc.ca if you would like to participate.

CHICA- BC Education Day – It's a Community Affair

The CHICA-BC 2006 Education day will be held on Monday, October 30, 2006 in the John Jambor Education Centre at BCCA Vancouver Campus. It should be an exciting day so mark your calendars and register early as space is limited. Brochures and registration forms are available on the PICNet website at www.picnetbc.ca.

Webber Training Debrief

Since February 2006 PICNet 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 chart below provides an overview of the upcoming teleclasses in the month of October.

Date:	Topic of Interest:	Presenter:
October 5, 2006	Neonatal Sepsis: A 2006 Update	Dr. Ann Matlow, Hospital for Sick Children
October 12, 2006	The Changing Role of Infection Prevention and Control as Documented by the CBIC Practice Analysis	CBIC Board Members
October 19, 2006	Hand Hygiene in Healthcare - Improving Compliance	Dr. John Boyce, Hospital of Saint Raphael
October 26, 2006	Urinary Tract Infections in Long Term Care Residents	Dr. Chesley Richards, Atlanta VA Medical Center

Upcoming PICNet Meetings

Meeting	October	November	December
Steering Committee			December 5
Surgical Site Surveillance WG	October 10		
RI Guidelines WG	October 16-20		
Needs Assessment WG		November 1	
Priority and Planning Committee	October 26		
Communications Leadership Group	October 11	November 8	December 13

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