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# **CENTRAL SOUTH INFECTIOUS CONTROL NETWORK NEWS**

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### **Information Sessions**

The Regional Coordinator (Adrienne Brown) and Medical Coordinator (Dr. Maureen Cividino) have conducted a number of information sessions on the Central South Infection Control Network. A special thank you to Marnie Green, Dale Murray, Barb Pond and LuAnn Crandall for preparing the way and welcoming us to their respective facilities in Haldimand – Norfolk. Those attending the sessions shared their thoughts and gave valuable feedback for the Network. Central South CCACs have also been active in promoting a series of information sessions for their service provider managers. We also thank Hamilton Infection Prevention and Control Committees for inviting Network membership.

### **Spreading the news about the Network**

Early in the New Year sessions will continue in Brant, Burlington, Hamilton and Niagara. If you have an upcoming conference or meeting and would like a presentation on the Central South Network please let us know.

### **CSICN Steering Committee Membership**

Ornella Tolomeo- (interim) Chair-(Public Health) Hamilton  
Anne Bialachowski- (Acute Care ICP) Hamilton  
Carla Feltrin- (Acute Care ICP) Niagara  
Tamara Johnson- (LTC ICP) Hamilton  
Carole Taylor- (Senior Admin CCAC) Brant  
Dr. Mark Loeb- (Infectious Diseases) Hamilton  
Dr. Matthew Hodge –(aMOH) Hamilton  
Anne Marie MacDonald-(Senior Admin Acute) Burlington  
Lu Ann Crandall- (Senior Admin LTC) Haldimand-Norfolk  
Catherine Flatt- (Nursing) Hamilton  
Anne Beaton- (Occup Health & Safety) Burlington  
Dr. Josephine Smith-(Family Medicine) Haldimand-Norfolk  
John Wultchyn-(EMS) Niagara  
Ex-officio members:  
Nancy Fram, HHS Host Hospital  
Adrienne Brown, Regional Coordinator  
Dr. Maureen Cividino, Medical Coordinator  
Patricia Syms Sutherland, Provincial Coordinator, MOHLTC

Please note that CSICN Steering Committee minutes are available on request from [brownad@hhsc.ca](mailto:brownad@hhsc.ca).

### **Infection Control Resource Review**

One of the upcoming activities of the CSICN will be to conduct an infection control resource review in our region. This will provide a clear understanding of current infection control human, material and informational resources. This information will be used by the Network Steering committee to determine the strategic plan for our region. It will also identify gaps that need to be addressed.

### **ICP Funding & Education**

With the MOHLTC funding additional ICPs for 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 we will be seeing more new ICPs whom are in need of training and mentoring. There are currently 3 Canadian basic infection control training programs available through web-based learning: (see [www.chica.org](http://www.chica.org) under education)  
Centennial College  
Queens University  
University of British Columbia  
For further information on ICP training and mentoring please contact Adrienne Brown at 905 541-0097 or [brownad@hhsc.ca](mailto:brownad@hhsc.ca)

### **(Nurse) ICP Financial Support**

Do you know about RNFOO? The Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario's SARS Memorial Fund for Infection Control Practitioners provides an application process for reimbursement of formal ICP Education Programs, CHICA-Conferences and successful Certification/Re-certification costs. Follow this link to more information and the application form  
<http://www.rnfoo.org/AwardsScholarships/SARSMemorialFund.htm>

### **Public Health Agency of Ontario**

The report from the Agency Implementation Task Force (AITF) for the creation of the new Public Health Agency of Ontario has been released. It can be found in the Ministry Reports section [www.health.gov.on.ca](http://www.health.gov.on.ca) website.

The proposed mandate for this new agency is "to provide scientific and technical advice for those working to protect and promote the health of Ontarians."

Regional Infection Control Networks are one of the key elements in the Infectious Disease program area. As stated in the report "The role of networks in integration across the healthcare spectrum fits well with that of the proposed Agency, and therefore the AITF feels that there should be clear linkages between the networks, as they develop, and the Agency."

### **Flu Watch Weekly Updates by email**

You can visit the Public Health Agency of Canada website for the latest influenza and avian flu information, or you can receive a weekly (during flu season) email update by request from [Estelle\\_Arseneault@phac-aspc.gc.ca](mailto:Estelle_Arseneault@phac-aspc.gc.ca)