

CSInfection Control Network

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Partnership Agreements Sent



CSICN partnership agreements were emailed or faxed to health agencies within our Central South region in mid-April. Any questions or comments about the agreement are welcomed – please contact the Network office. Signed agreements can be returned by mail or fax to 905 681-4917

Infection Control Resource Survey Coming!

A very important CSICN survey is coming your way! This confidential, secure, on-line survey will take about 20 minutes to complete and will help to provide vital information to identify the infection prevention and control needs in our region. Contacts in hospital, public health, LTC and community care settings will be receiving a request to complete this survey in the next week. The aggregate data (no facility/agency identifiers) will be used for CSICN strategic planning purposes and summary report for participants.

Reprocessing Focus Groups a

SUCCESS



Thank you to all who participated in the April 10th Reprocessing Focus Group meetings held at the CSICN offices in Burlington. The morning and afternoon sessions provided for a wonderful exchange of detailed information, networking and problem solving. The attending 22 participants included representation from across the network. Ministry facilitators Clare Barry and Liz Van Horne valued the discussion and document feedback. Positive evaluations were received from all registrants.

Medical Device Problem Reporting

If you are made aware of problems with a medical device used in your agency or facility that may compromise patient safety (very difficult to clean, comes apart or breaks on use, instructions for cleaning, disinfection or sterilization that do not agree with current best practices.) there is a process for reporting. This process is outlined on the Health Canada web site: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/compli-conform/prob-report-rapport/rep_md_prob-rap_inc_im_tc-tm_e.html
Guidelines as to when, how and what to report, as well as a reporting form, are included.

By reporting these problems, you enable Health Canada to investigate and also, if necessary alert other health care facilities and practitioners of the problem.

You can also sign up for advisories, warnings and recalls to be sent directly to you via email at this site:

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/advisories-avis/index_e.html

CHICA Conference London, Ontario May 6-10 2006



For information and registration information go to:
www.chica.org

Local Infection Control Education Day

CSICN proudly endorses the CHICA-HANDIC Education Day June 15th in Hamilton at the Liuna Station. This annual day offers relevant infection prevention & control information and networking opportunities to health care providers from across the continuum of care throughout our region. Registration fills quickly so don't be disappointed. We invite you to visit our CSICN display booth in the exhibit area of the conference to chat with us and pick up some useful items. See you there!

see next page for registration details

Clostridium difficile Videoconference – June 21st, 2006

Hold that date! June 21 (09:30-13:00 hrs) for “Best Practices Clostridium difficile Management” videoconference. Watch for official flyer coming soon.

Presented by: **CHICA-Hamilton & Neighbouring Districts
Infection Control Group (HANDIC)**

Infection Prevention: "Planning for the Future"

INFECTION CONTROL 10TH ANNUAL EDUCATION DAY

For Health Care Providers in Acute Care, Long Term Care, Public Health & Community

**Formerly known as RBG Day
Free Parking! NEW Location! Larger Venue!**

Liuna Station
360 James Street N. Hamilton

June 15, 2006
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

\$75.00

Includes Refreshments Lunch & Door Prizes



Morning Session

08:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast & Exhibits
08:30 Welcome: Ruth Schertzberg, HANDIC President
08:40 Crystal Ball Predictions: Lee Ramage
09:00 Seven Oaks Legionella Outbreak: Faron Kolbe
10:00 Refreshment Break & Exhibits
10:30 There is water pouring in where?
Mold Remediation in Healthcare: Barb Shea
11:00 Preventing Catheter Associated UTIs,
What's New?: Dr Mark Loeb
11:45 Lunch & Exhibits

Afternoon Session

13:00 Pandemic Planning for the Healthcare Sector:
Kathy Clark & Stephanie Trowbridge
13:45 Clinical Case Studies: Dr Verne Glavin
14:15 Stretch Break
14:30 Community Acquired MRSA: Dr Cheryl Main
15:15 Door Prizes & Closing Remarks:
Barb Shea, HANDIC President Elect

Directions TO Liuna Station available at: www.liunaevents.com/

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration deadline June 8, 2006 NO Registration at the door

Please provide E-mail address. Registration confirmation will be sent by E-mail

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Position: _____
Facility: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Institution Type (please check) Acute Care: Long Term Care: Community: Public Health Other: _____
Menu allergies: please list if applicable _____

Registration Deadline: June 8, 2006 - Please make cheque payable to "HANDIC" - Send registration with \$75 payment to: Susan Lessard, Infection Control, St Joseph's Healthcare, 50 Charlton Ave E Hamilton, ON L8N 4A6
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