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Infection Control Week Activities

National Infection Control Week was first proclaimed in Canada and the United States in 1988 to highlight infection control efforts in hospitals, long-term care facilities and the community. This week is an opportunity for infection control professionals to shine a spotlight on infection prevention and control in a fun and visible way. It is a time to brag about the great work that is being done year round by dedicated infection control professionals and all healthcare providers!

The National theme for this year is **Planning for Tomorrow**. To mark Infection Control Week 2006 the Regional Infection Control Networks offered all of our healthcare organizations an opportunity to participate in a draw for a number of prizes. First prize was an infection control resource text worth \$200, second prize was a CHICA and chapter membership worth \$ 120 and



“ROOM of HORRORS” with infection control blunders & patient and staff safety nightmares. Entered by St. Joseph’s Healthcare.

third prize was Brevis infection control products.

First Place Winner:

Brantford General

Second Place Winner:

Niagara Health Systems

All remaining entries will receive a third place prize.

The CSICN received a total of 8 entries for our draw! The Network Consultant and Coordinator had great fun touring the region and participating in some of the activities. We thank all those for their excellent entries.

Resource Assessment Survey



The analysis of the Long-Term Care and Acute Care surveys are now complete. A summary of the results will provided to survey respondents as well as being presented at upcoming educational events. The information will be used during upcoming CSICN strategic planning.

Infection Control Tidbit of the Day

How did you like our *Infection Control Tidbits of the Day*?

“**Sudoku**”, the name for the arithmetic equivalent of a crossword puzzle, is occasionally mis-spelt “**Soduku**”. “**Sodoku**” is a bacterial infection caused by **Organism X**.

Stumped by Thursday’s Tidbit Puzzles? Here are the answers:

- Soduku is a bacterial infection caused by *Spirillum minus*
- The more common English name for the clinical picture caused by

this bacterium is “Rat Bite Fever”.



- *Streptobacillus moniliformis* is another organism that can cause Rat Bite Fever.
- Haverhill fever is a syndrome that is caused by *Streptobacillus moniliformis* and is identified clinically by an abrupt onset of chills, fever, headache, and muscle pain. Within 1-3 days a maculopapular rash appears, most marked on the extremities and usually one or more large joints become swollen, red and painful.

Surveillance 101 Videoconference

On October 19th the OHA, in conjunction with the Regional Infection Control Networks, presented a teleconference entitled "Surveillance 101". During the teleconference key concepts related to developing a surveillance system in a healthcare setting were reviewed. The teleconference is now archived in the North Network webcasting center at

<http://webcast.northnetwork.com/archive.php>. Many attendees expressed an interest in additional educational events related to surveillance particularly education that could be sector specific. The Regional Network Coordinators will review all of the feedback from the teleconference to develop strategies to meet these needs. ***See attached supplement on Surveillance 101***

Network Activities

The Network has been busy! Here are just a couple of the activities happening in the region:

- The CSICN sponsored CIC Study Group continues to meet regularly. A new session will begin in 2007. If you are interested in joining the next session, contact the CSICN office to register.



- The CSICN resource library is expanding! We have stocked many infection control texts, videos and tool kits for use within the region. If you are looking for resources give the CSICN office a call



and we will try to assist you with finding the information you need.

SARS Memorial Fund

Lack of funding holding you back from obtaining your Certification in Infection Control (CIC)? You may be eligible for funding from the SARS Memorial Fund. Follow the link to find out more information:

<http://www.rnfoo.org/AwardsScholarships/SARSMemorialFund.htm>

Northwestern Ontario Infection Control

The CSICN would like to congratulate Northwestern Ontario Regional Infection Control Consultant, Karen Clinker, on recently being elected as new CHICA Director of Programs and Projects.

NETWORK STAFF

We are growing to meet the needs of the network.. CSICN welcomes **Joanne Laalo**, who is our Regional Infection Control Consultant.. Joanne will work collaboratively with the Network Coordinator to support the development of regional Infection Prevention and Control protocols as well as assist with network initiatives. Joanne is a registered nurse certified in Infection Control and brings her extensive experience to her new role. Joanne can be reached in the CSICN office at **905 632-3737 Ext. 3417**.



Question Corner

Have a burning infection control question? Send it to us and selected questions will be chosen for publication in our next newsletter.

Q. We are updating our policies & procedures. Is there a reference that we can use for standardized definitions?

A. Yes! Each of the Provincial Infectious Disease Advisory Committee (PIDAC) Best Practice documents have a section for definitions. They can be extracted directly for use in your policies. The guidelines can be accessed on the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care's website at: www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/infectious/pidac/pidac_mn.html.

Q. With the approach of flu season, we are getting requests from non-registered staff to use gloves all the time in long-term care homes. Once staff don the gloves any hand washing stops and while they may be protected, our residents aren't. Does your group have a standard statement you use when you are asked about this?

A. Gloves are used as part of Routine practices and are meant to be a secondary line of protection to reduce risk of contamination from contact of hands with blood, body fluids or items contaminated by them. Gloves are also used as part of contact precautions to reduce risk of contaminating hands with certain organisms. Gloves are not meant to replace hand hygiene practices. Hand hygiene must be performed after removing gloves. For more information go to: www.apic.org and type in the search



Upcoming Events

November 6, 7, 8, 2006

OHA Health Achieve 2006

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
North Building
Toronto

For more details visit:

http://www.ohahealthachieve.com/Client/OHA/healtha-chieve06_lp4w_lnd_webstation.nsf/index.html?ReadForm

November 16, 2006

**Improving Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings - Lessons Learned from the UK Experience
Videoconference**

CSICN Sponsored Locations:

Henderson General Site
Brantford General Site
St. Catharines General Site

For more details visit:

www.oha.ca

November 16 & 24, 2006

Toronto Invasive Bacterial Disease Network

November 16 - Mount Sinai
November 24 - Rouge Valley Centenary
Toronto

****Register by November 10, 2006****

For more details go to:

<http://microbiology.mtsinai.on.ca/tibdnl/news.asp>

November 20 - 21, 2006

**The Face of TB
Tuberculosis Conference 2006**

Crowne Plaza Toronto Don Valley
Toronto

For more details visit:

<http://www.on.lung.ca/tbconf/index.html>

November 24, 2006

**Beyond Infection Control:
Prevention for the Future III**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Toronto
University Health Network

For more details visit:

<http://www.uhn.ca/>



**REGIONAL INFECTION
CONTROL NETWORKS**
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December 11, 2006

**CSA Infection Control During Construction or Renovation of Health Care Facilities
(Based on CSA Z317.13)
Mississauga**

For more information call:

1-800-463-6727

or email:

seminars@csa.ca

November 30 - December 1, 2006

**Pandemic Communications
Forum**

Courtyard by Marriott
Toronto

For more information visit:

<http://www.summersdirect.com/conferences/default.html>

December 12, 2006

**CSA Special Requirements for HVAC in Health Care Facilities
(Based on CSA Z317.2)
Mississauga**

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