

CSI Infection Control Network

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CSICN Infection Control Resource Assessment Survey

Thank you to the hospitals, LTC homes, Public Health Units and Community Care agencies that have responded to our survey. Return rates to date of 115 surveys sent between May 2-5 are as follows: Public Health Units –100%, Hospitals – 80% Community 55% and LTC homes 27%. We are sending reminders and extending the closing date to May 31st to encourage additional responses. If you need more information do not hesitate to contact us at Zaporzan@hpsc.ca or call toll free

1-866-681-4916.

Local Infection Control Education Day June 15th

The CHICA-HANDIC Education Day is filling fast but there are still a number of available spaces! You will need to register by June 8th to attend. CSICN looks forward to seeing you at Liuna Station in Hamilton for this always successful educational and networking experience.

see last page for registration details

Clostridium difficile Videoconference June 21st

OHA in conjunction with the MOH & LTC is presenting “Prevention and Control of Transmission of Clostridium difficile within Healthcare Facilities” on June 21st from 09:30 to 11:30. The flyer is available at

http://www.oha.com/client/oha/oha_1p4w_lnd_webstation.nsf/page/Videoc Conferencing

We encourage you to contact your Telehealth Coordinator to express your interest in this event. Your Telehealth Coordinator will make the necessary arrangements including booking their videoconferencing studio and registering their site with OHA. In Central South region we currently have three videoconferencing sites – Hamilton Health Sciences, Brantford General Hospital and Niagara Health Systems (new).

Please note that individuals wishing to attend the videoconference need to register with either their Telehealth coordinator or contact the CSICN Office to assess local availability. *Individuals do not register their attendance with OHA.*

CHICA Conference a Success!

The Community and Hospital Infection Control Association – Canada annual educational conference held in London Ontario May 6-10 set new benchmarks for attendance with over 600 registrants. This is reflective of the surging interest and support for Infection Prevention and Control both provincially and nationally. Not able to attend? You can access many of the presentations at www.chica.org until June 1st.

Online Infection Prevention & Control Presentations



If your agency has membership with Webber Training – Teleclass Education for Healthcare Professionals you are able to access live, one-hour interactive teleconference lectures with recognized experts in the field of Infection Prevention and Control. However, you may not be aware that anyone can access www.webbertraining.com and go to the “Recordings Library” at any time for on-line recordings and handouts of previous sessions. Some examples include: Evidence Based Infection Control (Dr. Mark Loeb), Disease Transmission in the Home (Dr. Charles Gerba), Difficult to Clean Medical Devices (Dr. Michelle Alfa), Bedside Hand Hygiene Project (Julie Storr) - over 75 educational lectures are listed and address important infection control issues in every setting.

LHIN Community Open House

The Hamilton Niagara Haldimand and Brant (HNHB) Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding the health system in an area that includes Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant, Norfolk and Burlington and will be hosting community open house sessions from late May into July. The goal of the open houses is to develop and enhance public participation in health services planning and decision making. The open house schedule can be accessed at www.lhins.on.ca and click on “Community Engagement”.

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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