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Errata

CANADIAN IMMUNIZATION GUIDE 7th EDITION, 2006

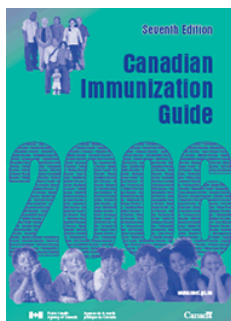
For all those readers who have a copy of the *Canadian Immunization Guide, 7th Edition, 2006*.

For your information, the Public Health

Agency of Canada has released an update of the table entitled *Type and Contents of Vaccines Currently Approved for Use in Canada* and additional errata.

Follow the below link to see the changes.

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/cig-gci/errarta-eng.php>



The Regional Infection Control Network's (RICN)'s New Look

By Liz Van Horne, Acting Provincial Coordinator



Welcome to the new look for the Regional Infection Control Network (RICN) newsletter 'FOCUS on Infection Prevention and Control'.

With this edition of FOCUS on Infection Prevention and Control you will begin to see changes in this publication and other ways the RICNs communicate.

We understand how important it is that the infection prevention and control community has effective and reliable ways of sharing information and exchanging ideas. The RICNs play a major role in this sharing both within our individual communities and throughout the province.

As part of our ongoing focus on understanding your needs the RICNs commissioned focus groups earlier this year to determine how we could improve our communications activities to better serve our colleagues throughout the health care community and the public. Thank you to all who participated in these focus groups. Your feedback was very helpful in developing our communication strategies.

The RICN newsletter will appear four times a year. However, as always, we will communicate with you in a variety of ways, including e-mails, updates, special announcements and bulletins.

One of the things we heard in our research is that you want us to present material to you in ways that makes it simple to pass that information along within your work places. For that reason, we will try to present material in a way that makes 'cut and paste' or 'clip and send' easy for you to do. As well, wherever possible we will include ways for you to get more information on a particular subject. We will provide electronic links or other sources of information for you to use.

You will notice that with this publication we are starting to use a tagline that describes what we believe is the benefit derived from our (both RICNs and Infection Prevention and Control professionals) work: *Giving Health a Helping Hand*.

Giving Health a Helping Hand is a summary of the work that is done by infection prevention and control professionals and the outcome of this work. Our aim is to have Ontarians associate the RICNs with the positive benefits of all or our collective work, and to associate infection prevention and control as an integral part of effective health care delivery. When people see our name we would like them to associate it with these benefits, thus making the RICN work more tangible.

A Tribute to Dr. Sheela Basrur

By Colette Ouellet

Dr. Sheela Basrur was an icon of strength, kindness, honesty, humour and idealism. She became known to many around the world for her calm and forthright approach to a health system under siege during the SARS crisis in Toronto in 2003. Dr. Basrur clearly emerged as a lifeline to common sense when turmoil reigned. She was considered by many to be a hero.



She was also a visionary, and recognition of her strength of character, grace and clear-minded intelligence led to her nomination as Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) for Ontario on February 16, 2004. In addition to her many accomplishments during her short tenure, she was a driving force behind the development of Regional Infection Control Networks (RICN) in Ontario.

On December 6, 2006, Dr. Basrur stepped down from her role as CMOH to take on a personal battle with a rare form of cancer. During her last 18 months of life, she was honoured by many, both publicly and privately. The RICN group sent a gift basket to her during her recovery from chemotherapy, and Dr. Basrur took the time and energy to reply to that gesture with a personal letter.

"I am indeed proud of the work of the RICN's, and in you, Phil and team for bringing this concept to life through your purposeful dedication to a common vision. It's rare in any environment to have such a "build-as-you-go" project being used for real-time implementation as issues arise. I am just delighted with your work and feel you've set the highest possible standard of achievement in this important field!

While I confess that there might be one or two things about working for government that I don't miss, what I will always miss is supporting the kind of work that you and your team have carried out, day by day and over the years. I am very proud of you all.

Please convey my kind personal regards to all of my RICN colleagues, with many thanks once again for their kindness and generosity.

Love Sheela"

Dr. Basrur was an individual with a rare sense of optimism and humanity. In an interview with Shelagh Rogers on CBC, just after her cancer was diagnosed, she said "You know a good friend and colleague of mine at the provincial government had a wonderful saying and that was, the only difference between an ordeal and an adventure is your attitude. So my cancer would be here whether I was thinking positively or not, but being positive actually does something good for me, being negative drags me down and if it changes the situation it'll only change it for the worse. So I just put everything I can into steering in the direction I want to go."

Dr. Sheela Basrur lost her life to cancer on June 2, 2008. We wish her colleagues, close friends and family our sincere condolences.



Dr. Sheela Basrur is appointed Chief Medical Officer of Health by George Smitherman in 2004.



Dr. Sheela Basrur participated in the development of the Infection Control Core Competency Education modules.

Mandatory Reporting of Hospital Infections



The Ontario government recently announced plans to introduce public reporting on eight patient safety indicators. Seven of the eight are directly related to components of hospital Infection Prevention & Control Programs and include: Clostridium difficile, MRSA, VRE, ventilator-associated pneumonia, central line related blood stream infections, surgical site infections and hand hygiene compliance among health care workers.

By September 30, 2008, all Ontario hospitals will be required to publicly report on C. difficile rates in their facilities through a public website. The start date for public reporting of the remainder of the indicators will be staggered according to the table below.

NB: Hospitals will need to have their August data to the MOH LTC by September 15, 2008.

Patient Safety Indicator	Start Date of Public Reporting
Clostridium difficile (C. difficile)	Sept. 30, 2008
Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)	Dec. 31, 2008
Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci (VRE)	Dec. 31, 2008
Hospital Standardized Mortality Ratio (HSMR) –mortality rates	Dec. 31, 2008
Rates of ventilator-associated pneumonia	April 30, 2009
Rates of central line infections	April 30, 2009
Rates of Surgical site infections	April 30, 2009
Hand hygiene compliance among health care workers	April 30, 2009

The Regional Infection Control Networks (RICN) will be assisting the MOHLTC with education initiatives for each of the Infection Prevention & Control indicators. Education for the C. difficile indicator will begin the week of July 28th for Acute Care Infection Control Professionals (ICP) and Public Health staff.

The CSICN Surveillance Subcommittee has been working with Acute Care ICPs since the fall of 2007 to establish standardized C. difficile Surveillance. All hospitals began reporting their C. difficile rates to CSICN in January of 2008 and the first quarterly report was compiled in April. This work helped to prepare all hospitals for the mandatory reporting and established a region-wide forum for discussion of C. difficile surveillance results.

Needle Safety Regulation All Hospitals: Important Reminder

As of **September 1, 2008** under O. Reg 474/07 http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_070474_e.htm, in every hospital as defined in the *Public Hospitals Act*



and in every institution as defined in the *Mental Hospitals Act*, “when a worker is to do work requiring the use of a **hollow-bore needle**, the employer shall provide the worker with a **safety-engineered needle** that is appropriate for the work.”

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND O. REG. 474/07 TO OTHER HEALTH CARE WORKPLACES BY April 1, 2009

Please note, the Ontario Ministry of Labour is seeking consultation from Long-Term Care Homes, designated psychiatric facilities not captured in the current regulation, Laboratories and specimen collection centres to “support effective implementation of the regulation which will help prevent front-line health care workers from suffering needstick injuries.” See link:

<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/about/consultation/needlesafety/index.html>

For more info go to: www.Ontario.ca/health-news

CIC Study Group Update

The second CSICN CIC (Certification in Infection Control) Study Group had its final meeting on July 11th. Throughout the year our group has covered qualitative analysis, research study design, education, disinfection and sterilization, sterilization failure, microbiology, dialysis, and occupational health and safety. The group enjoyed field trips to a central processing department, satellite dialysis clinic, and microbiology laboratory. Guest speakers were also enlisted to provide education on the topics of sterilization failure, microbiology, dialysis and occupational health and safety. Many thanks to Denise Bosnjak from Hamilton General Hospital, Sandra Command from Brantford General Hospital, Liz Pearson from Hotel Dieu /Shaver, Jane Cornelius from Niagara Health Systems and Dr. Maureen Cividino from CSICN.

We wish all of the group well as they go forward to write the examination! A new CIC study group will begin again in September (date TBA) so please let us know if you are interested in joining. For further information about the CIC examination eligibility, content and process check the CBIC website at www.cbic.org. To register for the next session please send an expression of interest to zaporzan@hpsc.ca.



Congratulations to the following individuals on certifying or re-certifying their CIC designation!



Kim Baker

Dr. Maureen Cividino

Sue Dolan

Carla Feltrin

Stefanie Ralph

Lee Ramage



Congratulations goes out to Shuayb Mohammad Abidi of the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit (a former member of the CIC Study Group) for his recent acceptance into the Community Medicine Residency program in Northern Ontario School of Medicine in Sudbury.

We wish you all the best in your studies!



More Resources at the Network

Our library list continues to grow as we are getting more requests for texts, DVD's and journals. We recognize that resources to assist with policy and procedure (P&P) development are very important for quality infection control programs so are a few new additions:

1. A brief and very informative look at P&P, *Seven Steps to Better Written Policies and Procedures*, Stephen Page
2. More detail and great ideas on P&P implementation, *Achieving 100% Compliance of Policies and Procedures*, Stephen Page
3. Another clearly written step-by-step guide, *Writing Effective Policies and Procedures*, Nancy Campbell has just been ordered.

Also, more on Construction & Renovation:

1. New CSA Standards *'Infection Control during Construction and Renovation of Healthcare Facilities, Z317.13-03*
2. New, *APIC Construction & Renovation, 3rd Edition - A Toolkit for Professionals in IPAC*

Contact our office and we will send these resources to you on loan from our library.

Two new "Best Practices" from Provincial Infections Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) released.

Hand Hygiene and Surveillance. They can be downloaded from www.pidac.ca Bound copies can also be obtain from CSICN.

BATTLE of the BUGS - A Call to Action

CHICA-HANDIC and RICN's Annual Infection Control Education Day



Once again, the CHICA-HANDIC and RICN's annual infection control education day was a huge success! 375 attendees from across the health-care continuum were in attendance on June 19th at Michelangelo's banquet hall in Hamilton. Three regional infection control networks, CSICN, MHICN and WWICN worked with the CHICA-HANDIC education committee for the second year in a row to provide an accessible and affordable education day which meets the mandate of all. Many vendors also participated in the day which enabled attendees to find out what interesting or new products are available to help them in their everyday practice.



The keynote speaker for the day, Jim Clemmer, presented leadership tips from his most recent book "*Moose on the Table - A Novel Approach to Communications at Work.*" The topics for the day include VRE, Outbreaks, C. difficile, Tuberculosis, Scabies and RICN initiatives.



Look for the date of next year's event in our next newsletter!

We would like to thank CHICA-HANDIC members for their dedication to "spreading" the infection prevention and control message and congratulate them on another successful educational day.



Dr. Michael Gardam, UHN and HANDIC President, Barb Shea



Photos of attendees at the CHICA-HANDIC-RICN day event.

HNHB LHIN Partners with the CSICN

Infection Prevention and Control for Community Service Providers

Central South Infection Control Network is working in partnership with the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB) Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN) to support community providers in to put infection prevention and control best practice into place. Anne Bialachowski, CSICN Network Coordinator in partnership with Jenny Barretto Planning and Integration Consultant LHIN 4 worked with community providers to develop an adult education model for infection control

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On a Special Note

Congratulations goes to Anne Bialachowski, CSICN Network Coordinator for winning the 1st ever CHICA-HANDIC Hygiea award. She was presented this award at the education day.

The key components of the award are:

- Promotion & appreciation for & awareness of the field of IPAC
- The person is creative and innovative
- The person sparks enthusiasm for the field of IPAC
- The person communicates well
- The person has excelled in Performance

As part of the award, Anne received a commemorative plaque and \$500 for future educational endeavors.



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training. Community based providers from diverse organizations (mental health, nursing, community support services and personal support worker provider organizations) across HNHB LHIN participated in the design and delivery of this training. There is no cost for community based health provider agencies and there are still opportunities to participate. Some of the topics to be included in the training:

- ✓ Hand Hygiene
- ✓ Immunizations
- ✓ Routine Practices
- ✓ Healthy workplaces
- ✓ Respiratory etiquette
- ✓ Outbreak Management

On April 24th we launched Infection Prevention and Control in the Community. The feedback was very positive. Our guest speaker Jim Gauthier MLT CIC was both insightful and also entertaining in his presentation “Acronym Madness, What’s with FRI, MRSA, CDAD and the Rest?” Hand hygiene was the focus of the first train-the-trainer session on May 28th where over 40 individuals participated in the training and are ready to spread the word within their organizations. The remainder of the program will roll out in the fall of 2008 and Spring 2009. Stay tuned for full details of the program in an upcoming CSICN bulletin.

What’s Happening...

WEBBER TRAINING

- July 22** Progress Report from the Chief Nursing Officer
Speaker: Christine Beasley, British Department of Health
 - July 24** Disinfection & Sterilization - Current Issues & New Research
Speaker: Dr. William Rutala, U of North Carolina
 - Aug 14** Live Broadcast from the NDICN Conference, New Zealand
Speaker: TBA
 - Sept 4** We Get the Infection Control We Deserve - How to Deserve the Best
Speaker: Gary Phillips, NorthWest Training & Development
- Visit www.webbertraining.com for more information.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- July 22** APIC Webinar: *Infection Prevention and Control For Influenza* with Dr. Arjun Srinivasan www.apic.org
- Aug 12** APIC Webinar: *MRSA in Long-Term Care: Practical Strategies for Detection and Management* with Deb Burdsal, RN, MSN, CIC www.apic.org
- Aug 19** APIC Webinar: *MRSA - APIC’s Guide to Elimination in Hospital Settings* presented by Marcia Patrick, RN, MSN, CIC www.apic.org
- Sept 14** 69th Annual CIPHI Educational Conference: *Shifting Landscapes in Environmental Health: Meeting the Challenge*, Mississauga. <http://www.chica.org/pdf/080914conf.pdf>
- Sept 24** CHICA Eastern Ontario & SEOICN Present: *Share the Message - Not the Microbe: A Call to Action*, Kingston. <http://www.chica.org/eopic/conf08.html>

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