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Environmental Cleaning

The Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) has released a

comprehensive best practice document on environmental cleaning. The Regional Infection Control Networks are collaborating with the Ontario Healthcare Housekeepers Association (OHHA) and the Canadian Association of Environmental Management (CAEM) to create a training program to support the provincial roll-out of the information, tools and resources in the document to environmental services staff in healthcare organizations across the province. The goal is to have training packages available to health care facilities across the province in Spring 2010.

The Environmental Cleaning Best Practice Document is available at www.pidac.ca

Just Clean Your Hands Adapted for Use in Long-Term Care!



The Just Clean Your Hands program created for acute care settings has now been designed especially for Long Term Care! This is exciting news as throughout the development and rollout of JCYH- Acute Care there were many requests from LTC about implementing the program in their homes.

In the fall of 2008 the MOHLTC began looking at how this program could be adapted for LTC settings and soon development was in progress including focus groups with stakeholders from LTC and the establishment of a task force to provide expert advice for creation of the program components.

Early in the new year, each Long Term Care home will receive a letter announcing the program and a JCYH-LTC Training Kit. Following this, the program will rollout across the province between January and April 2010 with corresponding training sessions offered by the Regional Infection Control Networks. For more information visit the RICN website www.ricn.on.ca or call your local RICN office for training details.

RICN Non-Acute Care ICP Training Program Achievement!

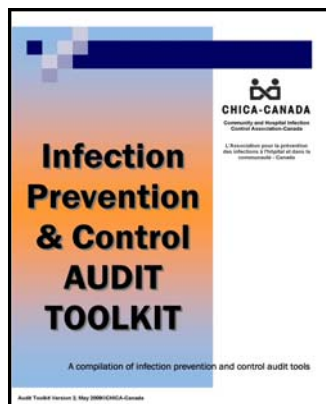


The RICN Non-Acute Care Infection Prevention and Control Training Program Working Group is pleased to announce that the RICN Non Acute Care IPAC Training Program has now received CHICA-Canada endorsement. This means that we can use the official CHICA-Canada logo and the designation "Endorsed by CHICA-Canada" on our course materials and advertising.

This endorsement means that this program meets the stringent criteria established by CHICA-Canada and will be listed on the CHICA-Canada website alongside other established training programs. Our course is unique in that it has been designed specifically for ICPs in non acute care settings in Ontario such as, long term care, primary healthcare, home healthcare and public health. The program consists of 12 modules that are delivered over a 12 month period. It is intended for the ICP who is new in their role and/or has no other formal infection prevention and control training. If you are interested in this program and would like more detail contact your local RICN office or visit our website!

One More Reason to Become a CHICA-Canada Member!

<http://www.chica.org/AuditToolkit/toolkithome.html>



Frequently in the *Focus On* news we promote the many benefits of membership with CHICA-Canada. This month, there is another very good reason to join Canada's only national, professional association for Infection Prevention and Control.

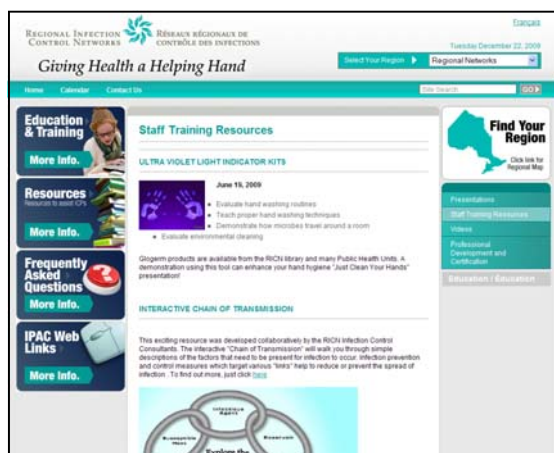
CHICA-Canada is pleased to announce the launch of 10 Infection Prevention and Control audit tools for CHICA-Canada members as part of National Infection Control Week. These tools are the first of a series that will be released over the next few months. We hope that these audit tools will support you to measure your success at moving best evidence into best practices in your organizations. The full audit toolkit will be available at the June 2010 conference.

The CHICA-Canada audit tools in this toolkit include:

- hand hygiene (readiness and practice)
- use of additional precautions (AP)
- use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- cleaning and disinfection of client/patient/resident equipment
- healthcare environment cleaning (including ward/department kitchens)
- hemodialysis practices, equipment, facility and management of AROs
- prehospital/emergency services
- outbreak management
- disinfection and sterilization in the doctor's office
- operating room infection prevention and control practices, asepsis and surgical scrub

The data derived from audits can be used to direct the infection prevention and control program's annual goals and objectives. It also will assist in meeting the needs of the health care setting in relation to infection prevention and control standards and safer health care practices. CHICA Members now have access — just sign on with your member's username and password!

Featuring....New Resources on the RICN Website!



If you haven't checked out the RICN website recently we invite you to visit and discover "what's new". Over the past few months there have been new features added that we think you might find useful!

- The Interactive Chain of Transmission
- Workshop Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions
- The Infection Prevention and Control Pocket Guide for Acute Care Settings
- Practical Web Links
- Educational Event Calendar
- Resources that are offered in both French and English
- About the RICN and much more....

In addition to searching the Provincial RICN website browse the regional sites by clicking on the drop down box that says "Select your Region". On the Regional Web Pages you can find local news and library listings as well as a variety of interesting tools and unique resources. To find the website search "RICN Ontario" OR connect to www.ricn.on.ca

Long Term Care Tool Kit



ESCLICN
Giving Health a Helping Hand

Long Term Care Tool Kit

The Erie St Clair Infection Control Network has released their Long Term Care Tool Kit. This tool kit was created in partnership with infection control professionals from the Erie St Clair Region working in long term care. The tool kit consists of a DVD and a CD.

On the DVD you will find:

Modules to orientate new staff to Long Term Care IPAC

- E learning module on The Chain of Transmission for professional staff
- E learning module on Routine Practices

On the CD you will find:

- Post Quiz: Chain of Transmission
- Post Quiz: Routine Practices
- Handout on the Chain of Transmission for non professional staff
- Infection Control for the Pregnant Health Care Provider
- Bug of the Day: (one page colourful fact sheets)

MRSA	Hepatitis B
VRE	Hepatitis C
C.diff	Influenza
Scabies	Norovirus
Rotovirus	RSV
Tuberculosis	Shingles

- VRE Fact Sheet for Family and Visitors
- VRE Fact Sheet for Staff

The Erie St Clair Infection Control Network would like to thank the following people for their contribution to this resource:

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Special thanks to the C-KICC Infection Prevention and Control Committee for their input into the creation of the VRE fact sheets. Out Network would like to acknowledge the contributions of Dave Chevalier and Mike Potras, BScN students from the University of Windsor, who assisted in the creation of this tool kit.

Contact ESCICN to receive a copy for your Long Term Care Home.



Specimen Collection DVD

The Erie St Clair Infection Control Network has released a DVD on collecting respiratory and enteric specimens during outbreak. This is excellent resource to assist staff in understanding the proper procedures involved in specimen collection and form completion.

Contact the Erie St Clair Infection Control Network to obtain a copy for you facility.

Looking Back and Now Looking Forward



As we start our new year it is always good practice to take the time to

Tania Clarke & Ashley Marchini

acknowledge accomplishment and plan for what needs to be accomplished. That's exactly what the Erie St Clair Infection Control Network (ESCICN) did when they met with their stakeholders on Thursday January 21st. The ESCICN main directions continue to be

- Standardize Infection Prevention and Control processes
- Enhance IPAC capacity through training and supporting infection control professionals
- Create resources to ensure knowledge translation to key audiences

It is only through partnerships with our stakeholders that these main directions have been successful so far.



Christine Thrasher ESCICN Steering Committee Chair



Carol Annett, Line Lauzon and Julia Hillan



Eva Lizotte, May Abdalla and Darlene Rojek

What's Happening in Erie St. Clair

Just Clean Your Hands for LTC ESCICN Train the Trainer Sessions

Thursday, February 4th, 12:30 to 3:00 pm
Sun Parlour Home for Seniors, Leamington

or

Thursday, March 4th, 12:30 to 3:00 pm
Art Gallery of Windsor, Windsor

Lunch will be provided at both sessions

Registration Required:

Please Contact Elisabeth Post to register or for more information at 519 948-7000 or toll free 1 866 924-7426 or by email elisabeth.post@hdgh.org.

CHICA Southwestern Ontario Meeting

Friday February 12th by videoconference
Meeting starts at 10:00 am
Education Session 1:00—2:30 pm

Surveillance

Presented by Sandra Callery, MSC CIC
Lead Member for the PIDAC Surveillance Doc.

Contact Laura Fraser to book
or to find a camera site close to you
519 948-7000 or by email
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CSA Training Education Infection Control During Construction, Renovation or Maintenance in Health Care Facilities

with guest speaker:

Gordon Burrill P. Eng, SASHE

Thursday April 29th, 2010

8 am—4 pm

Hilton, Windsor, 277 Riverside Drive W

To Register call the Erie St Clair Infection
Control Network

Webber Teleclasses

January 28-Improved Oral Hygiene in Intubated patients to Prevent VAP

February 9-Post Discharge Surveillance Made Easy

February 11-International Trends in Sharps Injury Prevention

February 17-Influenza H1N1—The Southern Hemisphere Experience

February 18-Stopping UTIs and Flu in the Family

February 25-Influenza in the Hospital-Who Gets it From Whom?

March 4-Novice –An Introduction to Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare

March 11-Novice-MRSA Prevention Basics

March 18-Novice-How to Prepare for Certification Without Becoming Certifiable

March 25-Novice- Infections in the Elderly

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