



# IPAC CANADA/PCI CANADA

## An overview



# Who is IPAC Canada/PCI Canada?

**Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada)/Prévention et contrôle des infections Canada (PCI Canada)** is a not-for-profit voluntary association for those who are professionally or occupationally interested in the prevention and control of infections in all settings.

Our mandate is to provide education, communication, networking, and advocacy on behalf of our members.

# Who are our Members?

Incorporated in 1976, IPAC Canada represents 1700 members from across the continuum of care – national and international.

We have 19 chapters across Canada.

While a significant number of our members are from acute care settings, many are from Long Term Care. Long Term Care members utilize IPAC resources to ensure the health and safety of their residents. In addition, growing segments are dental settings and prehospital care.

# Member Specialization

IPAC Canada hosts several interest groups of interest to our members. This is an additional source of networking and education.

Cardiac Care

Dialysis

Environmental Health

Healthcare Facility Design & Construction

Long Term Care

Mental Health Settings

Community Health

Oncology/Transplantation

Pediatrics/Neonatal

PreHospital Care

Reprocessing

Surveillance and Epidemiology

The Northern Network – a networking and education opportunity for infection prevention and control professionals in Canada's three territories.

# What are the Benefits of Membership?

**EDUCATION** – Current evidence and research; guidelines, best practice tools; continuing education, distance education, certification opportunity, local chapter education; national conferences; free webinars

**COMMUNICATION** – Website; quarterly journal, monthly e-news, time sensitive e-blasts

**NETWORKING** – Local chapter; in-person or electronic meetings; sharing, information gathering, interest groups, communication with local and national peers; mentor program; IPAC Chat

**ADVOCACY** – Local, Provincial and Federal representation; increasing the profile of our members; a voice in national and global issues

# More Benefits!

**Mentorship Program** – Matching new members with members experienced in the same discipline – career advice, networking information, resource information

**Website** - position and practice statements, guidelines, day-to-day resources; non-acute care resources; members area

**Journal** – in print and online; *Canadian Journal of Infection Control*, and *Industry Innovations*; *Association News (online only)*

**Audit Tools** – 50+ healthcare settings (for members only)

**Audit Tool App** – Free to members working in Canadian healthcare IPAC departments

**Hand Hygiene Module and Toolkits**

**Routine Practices E-Learning Tool**

# Current IPAC Canada/PCI Canada Activities

**Hill Day** – Board and other leaders meet with several Ministers and Deputy Ministers on the Hill to discuss IPAC Canada/PCI Canada members' role in patient health and safety. In February 2021, the focus was on funding a national surveillance platform and providing federal resources to IPAC.

**National Surveillance Data Repository** – Working with CNISP and CIHI to develop a national repository for data collection, analysis and benchmarking

**Submitting a 2022 Federal Pre-Budget Brief** that iterated the need for the above surveillance platform and IPAC resources.

**Providing federal, provincial and territorial COVID-19** guideline and consultation resources.

**2021 Virtual National Conference** – We were encouraged by the success of the 2021 virtual conference. An in-person conference is still favoured but we recognize the accessibility of this education opportunity to members and colleagues who would not otherwise be able to attend an in-person conference. The 2022 conference will be hybrid with the in-person portion held in Toronto (April 24-27) and a virtual opportunity also available.

# Other Association Activities

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)** – Recognizing the diverse composition of our membership, a DEI Working Group was established to create an informative DEI webpage, to organization education around healthcare bias, and to advise the Board on other actions.

**National Infection Control Week 2021** – Theme: *Infection Prevention and Control: Unite and Conquer!*. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the lives of millions around the world, forcing us to adapt to the “new normal”. We have been left with the incredible task to UNITE AND CONQUER this pandemic. Healthcare workers have been doing an outstanding job working around the clock to ensure people affected by the virus are supported and society is doing their best to try to “flatten the curve”. We can accomplish anything if we UNITE AND CONQUER!



# Didn't see it coming...

## COVID-19 Focus

- Maintaining a Coronavirus webpage
- Working with other organizations to ensure their return to work guidelines comply with IPAC Guidelines
- Providing on-site consultation in various settings to ensure safe practices
- Responding to media interviews and public queries
- Providing webinars on masks, hospital-LTC partnerships, COVID-19 experience

# Membership Fees

Membership is for 12 months, from the processing date.

Included in national membership are chapter (1) membership and interest groups (up to 13). Free subscription to journal; access to Members Area of website.

## 2021 Membership Fees

**1. INDIVIDUAL** - \$223

**2. NEW! GROUP MEMBERSHIP** - Employees of health care related institutions or agencies interested in fostering the purposes and objectives of the Association. Members must be at the same physical site OR report to the same Direct Supervisor. Representatives receive the same benefits as Active members. Membership will stay with the individual for the remainder of the membership year unless they otherwise agree to transfer membership to another representative of the Institution. This is beneficial for organizations which have two or more members joining the Association.

First Representative - \$296

Additional Representatives - \$150 each

**3. FIRST TIME MEMBER** - \$135 for the first year (Individual memberships only)

Student/Retired - \$135

**4. NEW CERTIFICATION** - \$50 discount in the year after the first successful certification.

# How to Contact IPAC Canada

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