

**CIC CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD FOR 2018**

**SUBMITTED BY: ROHIT GARG, PAST
PRESIDENT, MARCH 2019**



IPAC GTA

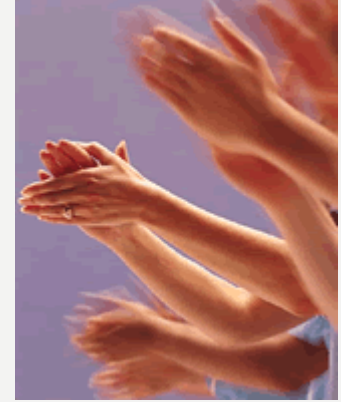
IPAC GTA CHAPTER

IPAC-GTA's vision is to be a regional leader and the recognized resource for the promotion of best practice in infection prevention and control.

Our goal is to foster a strong membership with excellent IPAC skills and knowledge that is put to use to increase the wellness and safety of all Canadians.

We continue to create opportunities in ways that helps build knowledge and confidence in its members preparing for Certification in Infection Control.

MEMBERS' SUCCESS



- ❖ 64 members were eligible to write their initial certification or SARE
- ❖ Total of 22 members did so with success (34%)
- ❖ 10 out of 52 eligible members got certified for first time (19%)
- ❖ This is more number of new CIC's from last year and years before that!

WE SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS (AND MEMBERS OF NEIGHBOURING CHAPTERS)

We continued doing what worked in the past:

- Networking
- Mentoring
- CIC Study groups
- Providing funding
- Sharing resources (APIC textbooks, study guides)

NETWORKING WORKS!

- ❑ IPAC GTA offered a total of 10 in-person and online meetings
- ❑ We remind members of CIC prep resources available to them from IPAC GTA
- ❑ We acknowledge efforts of our newly certified members and invite them to share their stories to encourage others
- ❑ Certified members proactively reach out to eligible members. Talk about any hurdles and offer suggestions to overcome them

MENTORING

- All Executive members are CIC certified and serve as mentors
- Eligible members reach out to mentors for:
 - Questions on their eligibility
 - Suggestions for study material
 - Strategies to help in their preparation
 - Discuss challenging questions

CIC STUDY GROUP



Based on needs assessment CIC study group was organized in Fall of 2018 in collaboration with Public Health Ontario-Central Team:

- ❖ Used webinar and teleconference to maximize reach to remote members
- ❖ 7 sessions facilitated by 9 certified members
- ❖ Benefited 30 attendees including some from neighboring Chapters
- ❖ Within two weeks, 4 were successful at their initial CIC and 3 members at SARE

CIC STUDY GROUP

Sessions were every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5pm

Session	Date	Topics	Online Facilitator
1	06-Sep	CIC Exam- Strategies and resources (half)	Sandra Callery
		Employee and Occupation Health (Half session)	Alex Kusiewicz
2	13-Sep	Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigations (full)	Heather Candon and Melisa Avanness
3	20-Sep	Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigations (full)	Melisa Avanness and Heather Candon
4	27-Sep	Preventing/Controlling the transmission of infectious Agents (full)	Erica Susky and Kishori Naik
5	04-Oct	Identification of Infectious Diseases (Part 1)	Erica Susky
6	11-Oct	Management and Communication (half)	Kamyab Ghatan
		Education and Research (Half)	Kamyab Ghatan
7	17-Oct	Identification of Infectious Diseases (Contd.)	
8	18-Oct	Environment of Care (half)	Alex Kusiewicz
		Cleaning, Sterilization, Disinfection, Asepsis (half)	Rohit

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- For past two consecutive years IPAC GTA has received \$750 as part of CIC Chapter Achievement Award
- 7 members received \$107 each for passing initial CIC in 2017
- This year, 10 members are receiving monetary award for passing their initial CIC in 2018.
- Mentors shared APIC textbooks and CIC study guides with those in need (for free)
- IPAC GTA is always taking suggestions from members to best support them

SPECIAL THANKS

- IPAC Canada for CIC Achievement Awards
- Members who have been motivating and providing mentorship to eligible Chapter members
- Executive members of IPAC GTA for dedicating countless hours in planning and making CIC study group happen
- Public Health Ontario for supporting with content for CIC study group