

IPAC–Greater Toronto Area

**IPAC Canada
CIC Chapter Achievement
Submission – March 2017**



IPAC–GTA Chapter



- With 284 members, it's the biggest and most diverse chapter
- Most of the members are from acute care sector
- Members also from Public Health Ontario (PHO), Public Health Units, Long Term Care and industry
- In 2016 there were 115 members eligible to write CIC exam (initial or recertification)
 - 30 of these recertified
 - 7 certified for the first time

Activities to promote CIC



- ▶ Networking and Mentorship
- ▶ CIC Study group in collaboration with PHO
- ▶ Sources of funding
- ▶ Sharing stories of CIC members in spotlight
- ▶ Give away of resources (APIC textbooks, study guides)
- ▶ Acknowledgment of importance of CIC at meetings
- ▶ Rotating meetings that allow people to see IPAC practices in Varying Healthcare facilities across the Chapter

Networking and Mentorship



IPAC GTA

- ▶ During chapter meetings and education sessions, dedicated time for networking
- ▶ Mentors– both recent certification and recertification
- ▶ Mentors introduced and eligible members were encouraged to connect with them
- ▶ Mentors share their experience with CIC preparation and writing exam
- ▶ Available throughout the year to mentees

CIC Study Group 2015–16



- ▶ Collaborated with PHO–Regional Infection Control Networks (Central and Toronto Networks) for annual winter study groups
- ▶ For the first of these study groups, a call for interest was sent in Oct 2015 (30 responded)
- ▶ 7 sessions held after business hours (from Dec, 2015–Mar 2016)
- ▶ offered both in–person and via teleconference
- ▶ Two IPAC members facilitated with average 15 participants/session
- ▶ Each session included presentations and discussions over most frequently asked topics and study guide questions
- ▶ Sharing of knowledge and resources (APIC textbooks, APIC certification study guides etc.) among participants
- ▶ Concluded with a mock exam

CIC Study Group 2016–17



- ▶ Lessons learned from last study group.
- ▶ Call for interest sent in Oct 2016
- ▶ Call for interest also asked for experienced and certified IPAC members to volunteer as facilitators for sessions (7 volunteered)
- ▶ Two member hospitals agreed to host for in-person sessions
- ▶ Instead of only teleconference, added Adobe webinar
- ▶ Developed more interactive sessions (added quiz)
- ▶ A total of 60 IPAC members (about 20 from neighbouring chapters) expressed interest.
- ▶ Content developed and sessions started Jan 2017.

Sources of Funding



- ▶ Members were made aware of outside funding available to support Certification:
 - Registered Nurses` Foundation of Ontario (<https://www.rnfoo.org/awards-a-scholarships/infection-control.html>)
 - IPAC Canada offers a \$50 discount on IPAC Canada membership to anyone who certified for the first time the previous year.

Sharing success stories of CIC in Spotlight



1. Members participation on Social Media and advocacy of CBIC/CIC
2. Speaking about CIC at conferences
3. Members respond to CBIC questions on Social Media
4. Select members are also participants on CBIC Question bank

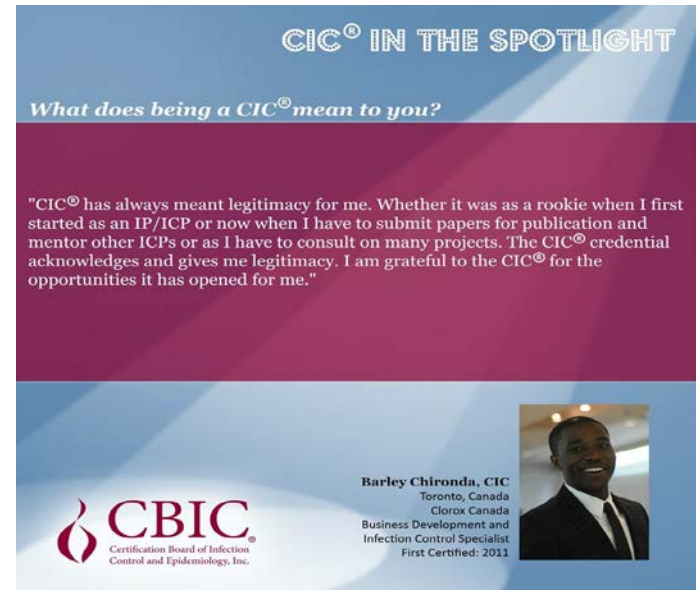


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Continuing to Support



- ▶ Additionally we are updating our website to include a section dedicated to CIC (information, resources, study groups and mentors)
- ▶ If we receive this award money, we will use it to provide (partial or full) funding to members to support their first time certification.

Special thanks



- ▶ Executive members of IPAC GTA for offering time to support ICPs preparing for CIC
- ▶ Public Health Ontario– CIC study group
- ▶ To all certified members for motivating the Chapter members