

IPAC GREATER TORONTO AREA (GTA)

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Number of Members: 285

Geographic Area Served:

Our membership primarily serves the Great Toronto Area in Ontario- Our area is primarily bounded by Mississauga (West), Barrie (North), Oshawa (East), although we do have some members from further away and some members who are also members of other IPAC Canada chapters.

Membership

Our membership comes from a diverse background with both varied professional designations as well as work and practice settings with representation from across the continuum of the healthcare system.

Meetings

February 11, 2015- Full day Education collaborative event (IPAC GTA/PHO event)
April 14, 2015- Full day Face-to-Face chapter meeting
June 23, 2015- Annual Chapter BBQ and meeting
September 15, 2015- Full day Face-to-Face meeting (including poster presentation session)
November 4, 2015- collaborative full day LTC IPAC education day (IPAC GTA/PHO)
December 8, 2015- Holiday meeting and Luncheon

IPAC Chat Sessions were held (1 hour facilitated teleconference/online networking sessions):

Jan. 28/15, Apr1/15, May 6/15, Jul 8/15, Oct 7/15, Nov 4/15. Some sessions had a guest speaker or particular discussion topic, while others were facilitated networking session with topics being driven by participants.

Highlights

A strategic planning session was held in January of 2015 and all chapter members were invited to participate and contribute to the discussions, with focus on alignment with IPAC Canada's strategic plan.

Highlights for 2015 included holding two large full-day educational events that included partnership with Public Health Ontario, support from vendors and contributions to the agenda by presentations from within our membership as well as external guests or experts. The first educational event was focused on IPAC across all sectors of healthcare; the second educational event was primarily focused on IPAC in long term care.

IPAC Chat sessions that occur in between regular chapter meetings continue to provide networking opportunities and often include participation from those who might not always be able to participate in face-to-face full day chapter activities.

An additional highlight was IPAC GTA's presence at the national IPAC Canada Annual conference in Victoria BC, and providing funding opportunities to assist some of our members to be able to participate. Conference participation included IPAC GTA members who were invited to participate in the IPAC Canada strategic planning activities as well as members attending to present or primarily for professional development and networking opportunities. Other chapter activities included providing funding opportunities for our members and to support IPAC outside of our chapter, including our program to provide funds to support IPAC week activities and a donation to IFIC.

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Chapter President*