

## **IPAC HUPIC**

### **2015 Executive**

President: Brenda Tanner RN CIC  
President-elect: Vacant  
Secretary: Laura Farrell BSc BEd CPHI(C) CIC  
Treasurer: Nancy Brown MLT BSc

### **2016 Executive**

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**Number of Members:** 23

**Geographic Area Served:** IPAC HUPIC members reside in Huron, Bruce, Perth, Grey and Simcoe counties.

### **Membership**

Our membership consists of health care workers from acute care, public health, long term care, retirement homes and local the local RICN.

### **Meetings**

HUPIC meets four times per year with executive and education planning meetings as required. Our meetings are usually half day including an educational component. The majority of our meetings are educational and we encourage members to bring a fellow HCW from their facility to allow for networking and promote learning throughout the area.

Due to a large geographical area, we move our meetings throughout our catchment area with members hosting the meetings at their facilities. In winter months we do host a video and teleconference meeting. A survey was completed by membership in the fall of 2015, and we are acting on some of the suggestions to improve meetings by reducing the number of meetings next year, accessing video conferencing more and continuing to rotate meeting throughout the catchment area.

### **Highlights**

April 10/15 Meeting was hosted by the Grey Bruce Health Unit in Owen Sound, provided an education day with the main theme of reprocessing medical devices.

June 24/15 - How do you solve a problem like VRE?

What PHO is learning about the impact of practice change, with Dr. Gary Garber. The meeting was offered to our neighbouring chapter as well by video conference; 10 sites joined us .

September 24/15 – Meeting was hosted by The Village LTC Home in Hanover.

Nov 5/15 –hosted by the Grey Bruce Health Unit in Owen Sound, with the theme of outbreak management with guest speaker from Hope Grey Bruce speaking on how to reduce our stress during outbreaks - and in our life in general.

### **Other events:**

- IPAC HUPIC continues to offer an Educational Fund to which members can apply to receive financial help to attend infection control related educational events. We hope to have more members attend the IPAC Canada 2016 National Conference in Niagara Falls.

- Education Day with the theme of reprocessing medical devices, with our own Jo-Anne McConnell presenting on being part of the Canadian team assembled and sent to Saudi Arabia on a mission to help hospitals stop the transmission of MERS-CoV.

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