

IPAC NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

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Number of Members: 39

Geographic Area Served

Northwestern Ontario (IPAC NWO) covers a large geographical area with several members unable to attend meetings in person due to the distance. All IPAC NWO meetings provide the opportunity for members to attend by teleconference.

Membership

IPAC NWO membership includes a multidisciplinary group from a variety of settings including education, acute care, long term care, rehabilitation, mental health, community care, pre-hospital care, public health, Public Health Ontario etc. A majority of the members have a primary responsibility of infection prevention and control within their workplace. IPAC NWO experienced a decline in membership in 2013-2015, as a result of retirements, position changes, and increased workloads. Expanding membership and chapter member engagement has been a standing agenda item and an identified priority identified for IPAC NWO for 2014-2015.

Meetings

IPAC NWO met twice throughout the year in March and October. Teleconferencing was provided for members living outside the city and unable able to attend the on-site meetings. An education session was provided at the March Meeting, Elizabeth Pszcozolko, the manager of our local Public Health Laboratory (PHL) spoke on navigating the PHL website, specimen collections and other various areas of the laboratory.

Highlights

The President, President Elect and three members of IPACNWO, attended the June 2015 National IPAC Canada Conference in Victoria, BC. The President attended the Chapter Presidents meeting and used the opportunity to network with fellow Chapter Presidents and members of the IPAC Canada Board of Directors.

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