

PREHOSPITAL CARE INTEREST GROUP

Chair and Co-Chair of Committee – 2015

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Mandate/Goal of Committee –

The Prehospital Care Interest Group consists of professionals who work or have an interest in prehospital care. The interest group provides a network for sharing of resources, information, ideas and solutions to address the unique infection prevention and control issues encountered in the prehospital care environment.

Membership of Committee

Interest Group – 76 Participants

Working Group – 21 Participants

Activities during the year

1. Seven working group meetings
2. Two interest group meetings – one at the national conference in Victoria B.C. (4 attended) and 1 teleconference.
3. Review of membership interest - increase membership numbers for the interest group and participants in the working group. Over the time period of late 2014- mid-2015, the attendance at the teleconference was very minimal due to individual member workload and EVD. It was discussed with the working group to put a hold on the current work plan and create a new work plan to address the aforementioned issues. We have completed a Fluid Survey to members to express interest in the working group and work plan issues relevant to the group. The workgroup has me to review the results of the survey and have plans going forward (below).
4. Further development and testing of hand hygiene compliance audit tool.

Goals for the coming year as per IPAC Canada's Strategic Goals

1.1 Increase public, government and organizational awareness of IPAC Canada

1.1.1 To seek support from IPAC Canada's board to promote the Prehospital Care Interest group.

1.1.2 To develop an on-line promotional tool to enhance the awareness of the IPAC Canada Prehospital Care Interest group to Chiefs of Paramedics, Police and Fire throughout Canada and to all the provincial and territory Chiefs.

1.2 Improve the level and speed of responsiveness to issues

1.2.1 To promote the communications between and working group and the interest group members – increase emails with meeting highlights or hot topics to promote the outcomes from the meetings, emailing working group minutes and agenda items to all members, posting minutes on the IPAC Canada site.

1.3 Increase political advocacy and influence

1.3.1 To continue to work with and support provincial organizations or members at the local level

2 Recalibrate our Product Mix

2.1 Offer informed commentary on standards and guidelines across federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions

2.2 Accelerate dissemination and distribution of audit tools

2.3 Enhance education emphasis to reflect fundamental infection and control principles

2.3.1 Through the potential increase in membership and the promotion of the Interest group to chiefs and other interested parties, we would be able to share information in a much broader jurisdiction.

2.4 Continue to develop the CJIC as an indexed peer review journal

Grow our Capacity

3.1 Promote the value of IPAC Canada memberships to key target audiences

3.2 Make innovative use of technology to engage and educate

3.3 Expand mentorship

3.4 *Build and leverage relationships with industry*

- 3.4.1 As per above Prehospital Care Interest Group has identified this as a priority and has sought to change some practices to address this. The findings of the Fluid Survey will be posted to the website when analysis is complete.
- 3.4.2 Revitalize and reformat the PHCIG pamphlet and modernize the PHCIG section of the website
- 3.4.3 Continue to use and explore new technology to increase participation in all working or interest group meetings or subgroup of the working group.
- 3.4.4 Attempt to have PHCIG and Working group meeting at the national conference in the afternoon to allow more members to attend who may be arriving by plane, or attending other meetings.