

REPROCESSING INTEREST GROUP

Chair and Co-Chair

Chair: Melissa Zambrano, Trillium Health Partners, Mississauga, ON

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Number of members: 92

Meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

Reprocessing Education: Certification vs. Certificate

In current best practice guidelines in Ontario the educational requirements for individuals performing MDR are described, however there is variation in the terminologies used and the educational qualifications required. Certification and certificate are not synonymous.

Results of any questionnaires/surveys sent out by the Interest Group:

A Reprocessing Interest Group Demographic Survey was sent out to allow members to provide input and to gather demographics of the interest group. Report to be posted on the IPAC Canada RIG webpage.

Highlights/Ongoing Projects

The RIG has identified four RIG sub-groups needed to be created to work on issues that were identified as being priority areas of RIG work-plan focus. Further information regarding the membership and tasks of these subgroups are described below:

Midwifery Subgroup: Lead identified as Teresa Bandrowska

This group will be reviewing IPAC Canada and other available reprocessing audit tools to determine if these are applicable to the midwifery practice setting. If they are not applicable the subgroup would be developing new audit tools.

Foot care Subgroup: Lead identified as Melissa Zambrano

This group will be reviewing the outdated Health Canada Foot Care Document (1998) and several newer guidance documents that have been developed in various provinces including those from BC and Alberta. (Circulated to members December 2015).

Endoscopy Subgroup: Lead identified as Sonja Cobham

This group will be reviewing available guidelines on issues such as ATP, CPE, Glo Germ, point prevalence testing to culture ERCP scopes.

It is important that a scan of all current documents in the country (and internationally) be done to see what guidance is currently available as there are many countries that are ahead of Canada in this area and their guidelines may provide important information that we can use to develop recommendations for guideline development.

Dentistry Subgroup: No identified lead as yet (Sub Group to be placed on hold until after the May IPAC Canada Conference)

This subgroup will be looking at currently available guidelines from BC and Ontario as well as audit tools. The guideline documents that are currently available will be circulated with the minutes for review. It would be important to have a member from a dental specific program included on this group.