

SURVEILLANCE AND APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

Chair and Co-Chair: Jenny Scoging (Chair), Jennifer Happe (Co-Chair); Asha Sheik resigned as chair effective June 2015.

Number of members: 248

Dates/topics of meetings throughout the year:

February 10 teleconference meeting:

- Presentation by PHAC re: HAI case definition
- Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR), need for further discussion of use, education (not currently used by group members)

June 13 teleconference/in-person meeting:

- SIR (as above)
- Community surveillance
- VRE screening and surveillance

October 13:

- Presentation by member re: caesarean section SSI surveillance
- Review of Terms of Reference
- Standardized Case definitions, expressions of interest.

Highlights/Ongoing Projects

- Standardized Case Definition Working Group representatives selected; relates to the Strategic Plan goal of increased visibility and the opportunity to partner with other national organizations.
- Expression of interest for working group members of above
- Standardization Infection Ratio education offered to members as an opportunity to stay abreast of current and future methodologies in HAI surveillance.

Goals for the coming year

- Build on momentum of interest in project work.
- Find most effective method of keeping all members as informed/engaged as possible (e.g, newsletter, more frequent email communication, etc.).