CHICA-Eastern Ontario (CHICA-EO) Established 1986

Submission for 3M Chapter Achievement Award 2010
HISTORY OF CHICA-EO

- Founded November 22, 1984 as an infection control interest group.
- October 1985: elected the first executive & developed Terms of Reference.
- June 5, 1986: official CHICA-Canada Chapter status was granted to EOPIC. (Eastern Ontario Professionals in Infection Control)
- 2005: membership voted to change the name to CHICA-Eastern Ontario solidifying our connection to CHICA-Canada.
It is recognized that the Eastern Ontario Practitioners in Infection Control (EOPIC) Chapter has been duly established as a chapter of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association.

Dated the 5th day of June, 1986

Pat Williams
President

Moira M. Walter
President Elect

Dated this 7th day of April, 1987
GEOGRAPHY OF CHICA-EO REGION
Our region also includes two international bridges connecting us to our APIC friends in New York State.
MISSION

“To improve patient/client/resident care through the exchange of knowledge, experience, ideas and information for the prevention and control of infections and fellowship among persons interested in Infection Control”.
OBJECTIVES

• To promote and enhance the profession of Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) through individual and group activities.
• To assist individual members in the development of their own IPAC Program.
• To hold multi-disciplinary educational conferences, seminars, teleconferences, videoconferences and workshops to update knowledge in IPAC.
OBJECTIVES

• To support and assist with research/study activities and the publication of results.

• To promote community awareness and understanding of the source of infection, the mode of transmission, and the means of control.
President
Melanie Barbacsy

Past President
Bonnie Carter

Treasurer/ Membership
Dana Anderson

Secretary
Susan Cooper

Archivist
Carol Whyman

President- Elect
Sally MacInnis

2010 CHICA-EO Executive
Chapter policies and procedures have been reviewed in the past 2 years.
Those that required changes have been completed and approved.
Policy review is the role of the Past President.
Policies posted on chapter website.
CHICA-EO meets 5 times annually. Meetings are held at the Mental Health site of Providence Care in Kingston.
Video/Teleconferencing

- Our meeting room is equipped for both videoconferencing and teleconferencing
- Access is available for CHICA-EO meetings
Chapter Membership

CHICA - EO Membership
2005-2010
CHICA - EO Certified members from 2006-2010
Chapter Website

CHICA EASTERN ONTARIO (CHICA-EO)

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Check [HERE](#) for information about our 25th anniversary events and the Cameroon Twinning Project!

The Eastern Ontario Professionals in Infection Control (EOPIC) was founded in 1984, and originally comprised a group of enthusiastic individuals who were practicing infection control in widely separated hospitals and nursing homes in the eastern Ontario region of Canada ([see map](#)). Over the years this membership has grown. Members now represent hospitals, health units, nursing homes, community care and industry. New members and visitors are always welcome.

In 2005 the chapter name was changed to CHICA - Eastern Ontario Chapter, to maintain consistency with other chapters. CHICA-EO has been a chapter of CHICA-Canada (Community Health Care Infection Control Association).
Chapter Archivist

- Carol Whyman, CHICA-EO Archivist in 2007
- Archives includes history of chapter from inception to present
- Archive and chapter history section on website
2010 Education Sessions

- **IPAC in the Pre-Hospital Environment**
  - Thomas Dunn, Ottawa Paramedic Service

- **Positive Deviance**
  - Dr Michael Gardham

- **The IPAC Role of the Ministry of Labour**
  - Craig Lawrie, IPAC Consultant MOL

- **How to Write an Abstract**
  - Jim Gauthier
Special Educational Events

- 2010 Environmental Cleaning Workshop/Tradeshow April 21\textsuperscript{st}, 2010 in Kingston

- Coincided with release of PIDAC Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning document

- Focused on providing information to Environmental services managers and staff

- On-line registration using RICN website offered
New Directions in Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection

Days Inn Convention Center, Kingston ON
Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Don’t miss this great opportunity to listen and interact with experts who had input into the creation of the Best Practice document.

Industry representatives will be on hand to answer your questions and introduce you to the products and equipment needed to meet the requirements of the Best Practice guidelines.

**Schedule**

- 8:15 - 8:45  Registration
- 8:45 - 9:00  Welcome from co-chairs Melanie Barbacy, CHICA-EO, President 2010 and Janet Allen, Network Coordinator, SEOICN
- 9:00 - 2:45  Speakers and trade fair
- 2:45 - 3:00  Wrap up and door prizes

**Sessions and Speakers**

- Why and How Environmental Cleaning Saves Lives  
  **Speaker:** Dr. Dick Zoutman, MD, FRCP C

- Overview of Best Practice Document and Provincial Toolkit  
  **Speaker:** Liz Van Horne, Senior Infection Prevention and Control Professional Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion

- Practicing Best Practices from an Environmental Services Manager’s Perspective  
  **Speakers:** Danny Young, Director of Environmental Services for Crown Ridge Health Care, Trenton; Westgate Lodge, Belleville; The Riverview, Napanee and Kelly Wilson, Environmental Services Manager, Brockville Mental Health

- Environmental Impact of Cleaning Products  
  **Speaker:** Paul Webber, MaunoCoMedicalWebber Training

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Click below for easy, on-line registration:
http://www.ricn.on.ca/seoiicnnewdirectionsinenvironmentalcleaninganddisfection1433.php
175 attendees
15 exhibitors
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Educational Bursaries

- CHICA-EO maintains a fund to award financial assistance for education to chapter members
- Funds awarded are based on a point scale
- The available total is determined by annual budget
- 2010 bursaries were awarded to active chapter members to assist in attendance at the CHICA Canada Conference
The Lois Rae Scholarship Fund

- Established in 2007 to reimburse CIC exam fees.
- Funding levels maintained with income from conferences.
- 2 awarded in 2010 for a total 13 scholarships.
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Quinte Trash Bash

Quinte Trash Bash which involves residents of the Belleville area collecting trash from public areas in the community. Chapter members set up hand hygiene stations.
Infection Prevention and Control
Week 2010

Clean hands + Clean environment = Infection Control

It’s Simple!
Chapter Banner Design Contest

- In conjunction with Infection Prevention and Control Week
- To design banner for CHICA-EO events
- Winner awarded registration to 2011 National Conference
Infection Prevention & Control

Your resource for:

✓ Education & Experience
✓ Knowledge & Consultation
✓ Problem Solving
✓ Community Awareness

Reducing the risk of infection throughout the continuum of care

www.CHICA.org

CHICA—Canada is a national, multi-disciplinary, voluntary association of Infection Control Professionals (ICPs) dedicated to the health of Canadians by promoting excellence in the practice of infection prevention and control.
2010 Infection Control Week Activities

CHICA-EO

- Information displays at malls in Kingston and Belleville
- Special features included a hand hygiene station (donated by Ecolab), a continuously playing videotape of Sudsy (borrowed from CHICA-Canada), free samples of hand sanitizer and wipes, pencils, buttons, stickers and printed materials
- booths were manned by chapter members
EMC News - No, County councilors Jim Vanden Hoek, Janet Gutowsk, CAO Liz Savill and Warden Gary Davison weren't auditioning for a road show of the Blue Man Group. They were part of occupational health nurse Bonnie Carter's demonstration on how bad we are at actually washing our hands as part of infectious disease week.
Involvement With CHICA Canada

CHICA — CANADA
Jim Gauthier:

- 2011 President-elect
- 2010 Chair Scientific Planning Committee
- founder of Mental Health interest group
- CHICA connections discussion board
• Carol Whyman
  ◦ 1993- CHICA Canada President

• Amanda Knapp
  ◦ Public Health Representative 2009-2011
  ◦ Co-chair Community Healthcare interest group

• Susan Cooper
  ◦ Chapter representative 2011 Scientific Planning Committee

• Other chapter members have served on various committees and as chairs of interest groups
Dr Dick Zoutman

- 12 year term as Physician Director of CHICA
- Honorary Membership to CHICA Canada presented at 2010 Conference.
Shirley McDonald

- CHICA webmaster
- Webmaster CHICA-EO
- Member several CHICA committees
- Award of Merit recipient
- To be presented with Honorary CHICA membership at 2011 National Education Conference in Toronto
Scientific Planning Committee

- Jim Gauthier: Scientific Chair
- Amanda Knapp: Public Health Rep
- Susan Cooper: 2010 Virox Scholarship Winner
poster abstracts presented by chapter members in 2010
Supporting IFIC

- Annual Run For IFIC
- Jim Gauthier: Top ICP 2010

- Carol Goldman invited guest speaker at chapter meeting
Partnerships

Queens: Med Student education

- Annual education provided by Kingston ICPs.
- Provides standardized education on routine practices and use of PPE.
- Assists in better understanding of infection control practices during initial education.
Partnerships

- An official partnership agreement with South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network
- Work together to support ICPs in the region
- Educational events in partnership with the SEOICN.
- Library and chapter archives stored in SEOICN offices
Partnerships

- Corporate members have sponsored speakers, educational activities and provided products for members to use to promote IPAC to the community.
Partnerships

• Cameroon Twinning Project

GOT BOOKS?

Used medical books, journals and other educational materials are requested from health care libraries, medical centres and individuals, particularly those dealing with:

- infectious diseases, microbiology, infection prevention and control
- HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis
- maternal and child care, pregnancy and foetal health, obstetrics, gynaecology
- communicable diseases, public health

Your used books will be shipped to Cameroon, West Africa, to assist in building a library of resources to support the Infection Prevention and Control Program of the Cameroon Health Board.

Books will be collected during the months of March and April, and may be forwarded by April 30, 2008 to:

- the infection prevention and control practitioner(s) in your facility or health care setting
- OR call: 613-389-9810 to arrange pickup

Your outdated book might be the Cameroon library’s most current resource!

Help us help those in need...

Supported By:
Cameroon Twinning Project
Our first step was to approve the funds to sponsor a CHICA membership for Jacob—the nurse responsible for IPAC in the Baptist Convention Health Board.
Twinning Project Goals

✓ Provide expertise and resources as identified in Cameroon
✓ Support attendance at CHICA National Education Conference
✓ Fund raising to provide identified resources
What’s Ahead

- 2011 CHICA Canada Conference
  - Speakers: Jim Gauthier, Susan Cooper
  - Dick Zoutman, Shirley McDonald
- 2011 Scientific Planning Committee
What’s Ahead

- Host chapter 2011 Ecolab poster contest
  *INfection Control - Are You IN? Get INvolved, Provide INput, INitiate Change!

- Record number of submitted abstracts by members

- Record attendance at National Educational Conference supported by numerous grants to members from education fund
What’s Ahead

- Guest speakers at meetings
- Evening workshops
- Increase membership
- Increase certified members
- Education partnerships
  - Public health
  - SEOICN
  - Corporate sponsors
Special plans are being developed in celebration of our 25th year as a chapter of CHICA-Canada