

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
CHICA-CANADA REPRESENTATIVE TO
ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE ORGANISMS (ARO(s)) POINT PREVALENCE STUDY TEAM

The ARO Prevalence Study is a study designed to assess the prevalence of antimicrobial resistant organisms in Canadian hospitals. This study differs from CNISP studies in that it focuses on prevalence, not incidence, and that it will include non-CNISP hospitals. The Study Team consists of Dr. Andrew Simor (principal investigator), Dr. Oscar Larios (co-investigator), Dr. Brenda Coleman (co-investigator) and Dr. Allison McGeer (co-investigator). Two (2) CHICA-Canada members (to be named) will join the team. In addition, other investigators may be added to the Study Team, as appropriate.

The expected timeline is that study recruitment will start in April, 2010 at the latest, with the prevalence survey being conducted in October or November of 2010.

The Study Team will be responsible for: finalization of the methodology (protocol) and all aspects of study implementation, including recruitment of sites, assistance with obtaining research ethics approval as required at the participating sites, coordination of data collection, data management and analysis, and manuscript preparation. Progress will be shared with CHICA-Canada in the form of quarterly reports until the final study report is available. The final study report will be in the form of a manuscript, to be submitted for publication to an appropriate peer-reviewed journal. Study team members will be acknowledged as co-authors; CHICA-Canada will be acknowledged for its support. CHICA-Canada will communicate the results of the study to its membership.

CHICA-Canada is seeking two (2) representatives to participate on the study team from February 2010 to completion of the project (anticipated February 2011). These positions are not funded. All expenses related to the performance of responsibilities of the CHICA representatives will be reimbursed by CHICA-Canada.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications and agree to the following terms:

- A current (2010) member of CHICA-Canada, having held membership for at least 3 years.
- A minimum of 5 years experience in Infection Prevention and Control and/or Infectious Diseases with specialized training in research, epidemiology, and surveillance.
- Certification in Infection Control & Epidemiology (CIC) is preferred but not mandatory.
- Has the time, commitment and support of their facility to participate in conference calls, meetings and other activities required to serve CHICA-Canada and the Study Team.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- A letter from applicant expressing interest in the position and demonstrating suitability for the position.
- The letter should include a description of CHICA-Canada involvement, for instance as a Board Member, as a chapter executive, or on a CHICA-Canada Standing Committee.
- A curriculum vitae that includes details as to the desired knowledge and experience.
- Confirmation of facility/employer support.

Applications must be received no later than **January 31, 2010**.

Applications should be forwarded to:

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