

Dear CHICA-Canada member:

If you work in an acute care hospital with 50 or more beds, you (or another Infection Prevention and Control Professional (ICP) at your hospital) should have received an e-mail invitation from the study investigators, Drs. Andrew Simor, Allison McGeer and Oscar Liaros, to participate in an ARO point-prevalence survey next November. This survey is not funded, and depends entirely on the interest and good-will of CHICA-Canada members, such as you and your colleagues.

CHICA-Canada is a co-investigator in this initiative because we believe the results of this point-prevalence survey will provide important information that will help hospital-based ICPs understand and manage the risks of infection caused by these organisms.

As a small incentive for your participation in this survey next November, the Principal Investigators (Dr. A. McGeer and Dr. A. Simor) are pleased to announce that there will be a draw from among all hospitals submitting data for the chance to win one of 3 free memberships in CHICA-Canada for the year 2011.

As an organization, CHICA-Canada strongly supports and endorses your active participation in this point-prevalence survey in November 2010. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please do not hesitate to contact either Dr. Allison McGeer (amcgeer@mtsinai.on.ca) or Dr. Andy Simor (Andrew.simor@sunnybrook.ca). You can also download information about the project from <http://microbiology.mtsinai.on.ca/research/aro-prevalence-study/>

Thank you for your assistance with this project.



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