



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

The ARO Point 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. Karl Weiss (co-investigator), Dr. Allison McGeer (co-investigator), and Zahir Hirji (co-investigator, CHICA-Canada representative). One (1) additional CHICA-Canada co-investigator will join the team.

The first ARO Point Prevalence Study took place in November 2010. A follow-up study is planned for 2012. The expected timeline is that study recruitment will start in May 2012, with the prevalence survey being conducted in November of 2012.

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 one (1) additional representative to participate on the study team from May 2012 to completion of the project (anticipated February 2014). These positions are not funded. All expenses directly related to the performance of responsibilities of the CHICA representatives will be reimbursed by CHICA-Canada. See Policy Form 8 (www.chica.org).

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

- A current (2012) 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 **April 30, 2012**

Applications should be forwarded by email to chicacanada@mts.net