IPAC BC

• A chapter of IPAC Canada since 1987
• 199 members from across the province of BC including:
  — Six health authorities & Providence Health Care
  — The Good Samaritan & Yaletown House Society
  — The College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC
  — Representation from Whitehorse, YK
  — Industry representation
• 130 members eligible for CIC certification
• ★ 12 newly certified members in 2015
• ★ 1 recertified member in 2015
IPAC BC CIC Support Group

• Founded in 2014
• Seven IPAC BC members with representation from across the province
• Our Objectives:
  – To provide assistance and support to chapter members to access up to date information on the CIC exam
  – To provide a variety of resources and education material to be used for local support groups
CIC Support: What do we do?

• Meet by teleconference to discuss support strategies
• Offer mentorship to members preparing for initial certification
• Facilitate access to resources
• Connect members preparing for the exam
• CIC prep sessions by webinar and teleconference
• Promote CIC certification
Mentorship

- CIC Support Group member contact information posted to IPAC BC webpage
- IPAC BC members preparing for their exam are encouraged to reach out for support as needed
Access to Resources

- Compile up to date resources and post to the IPAC BC webpage
- New resources added to the library are highlighted and discussed at IPAC BC meetings
CIC Prep Sessions

• In 2015 we hosted 5 CIC prep sessions by webinar/teleconference
• Sessions focus on identifying themes, study tips and going through practice questions together as a group
• We aim to:
  – Introduce content
  – Stimulate discussion
  – Connect members who are preparing for the exam across a geographically diverse region
• Slide decks that cover one exam module are prepared for each session and posted to our webpage
In November 2015 we surveyed the IPAC BC membership about the CIC

• We learned we were on the right track with how to support members to prepare

• We also identified important barriers to becoming certified in BC including access to test centers, cost, and employer support
As we move into 2016, we are advocating for the challenges our members have identified by:

- Discussing at IPAC BC meetings
- Engaging our chapter executive to examine scholarship opportunities
- Encouraging our members to use the marketing toolkit developed by CBIC and provide feedback to the chapter
Thank-you for your consideration and congratulations to all of our 2015 CIC’s!

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