Dear Infection Prevention and Control Colleagues,

The CHICA-Canada Healthcare Facility Design and Construction Interest Group have developed a survey to compare infection prevention and control practices related to design, construction and renovation. The purpose of the survey is:

1. To get an accurate representation of the state of healthcare facilities across Canada
2. To identify deficiencies in policy and staffing related to facility design, renovation and construction
3. To compare practices relating to tools used, containment and hoarding, emergency response
4. To support a position statement on new healthcare design

The results of this survey will be compiled and made available to CHICA-members at a later date. The survey that accompanies this letter is to be completed by the infection control professional or manager who oversees design, construction, and renovation in your facility.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. All results will be grouped and presented based on type of healthcare facility, province, size, etc. Groupings will remain broad and will ensure anonymity of participating CHICA members and facilities.

I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this important survey. Knowledge is a powerful tool and we should all capitalize on the broad spectrum of experience CHICA Canada has to offer.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SURVEYS BY DECEMBER 1ST, 2006 BY MAIL, EMAIL, OR IN PERSON.

Sincerely

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