

## CHICA-CANADA PARTNERS WITH APIC TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL INFECTION PREVENTION WEEK

In recognition of the importance of infection prevention around the globe, CHICA-Canada (CHICA) has joined with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) to commemorate International Infection Prevention Week ([IIPW](#)), October 16-22. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IIPW.

First established in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan, IIPW aims to raise awareness about infection prevention and commemorates the work of healthcare professionals and administrators, legislators and consumers for their commitment to reducing infection worldwide. Through the theme of "Infection Prevention is Everyone's Business," APIC is promoting international observance of IIPW.

From the IIPW website, you can find a variety of tools and resources that can help promote IIPW within your institution or your chapter membership. There are logos, web buttons, IIPW language and descriptions, handouts, IIPW success stories, and ideas for future IIPW events.

As an IIPW partner, CHICA members receive free access to IIPW [webinars](#) being organized by APIC. Members will also be able to view the live webcast of APIC's policy summit with the [National Journal](#) in Washington, DC on October 19. The policy summit will feature a panel discussion with federal and state government officials, infection prevention experts, healthcare administrators and consumer advocates. Discussion at the summit will focus on the resources necessary to eliminate preventable infections, how healthcare reform efforts can improve outcomes for patients, and the important role of infection prevention experts. More information about the webinars will be provided in a separate e-broadcast from CHICA.

Since its creation, APIC has spearheaded the annual effort to recognize IIPW globally; it is now formally recognized in many areas around the world including the U.S., Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

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