Established in 1980, IPAC GTA is the first chapter of IPAC Canada (originally named as TPIC). It primarily serves the Greater Toronto Area, including the city of Toronto and surrounding areas bordered by Mississauga, Barrie, Orillia and Oshawa. Some of our membership extends beyond these areas.
OUR MEMBERS

IPAC GTA is the largest chapter in Ontario with an average membership of 300. Our members represent diverse educational backgrounds and workplaces, including:

- Acute care
- Long Term Care
- Complex Continuing/Rehabilitation Care
- Mental Health
- Provincial Government
- Public Health
- Correctional Services
- Dental health care
- Correctional Services
- Community Organizations
- Private Industry
IPAC GTA EXECUTIVES 2022

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Networking Co-Chair: Dechan Dolma BSc, CIC
Webmaster: Murtuza Diwan MSc CIC
Webmaster: Stefanie Siaw BSc, CIC
Education Committee Chair: Kishori Naik BSc, CIC
IPAC GTA EXECUTIVE TEAM
2022
**Purpose**: To reduce the risk of infection across the care continuum by promoting excellence in the principles and practice of infection prevention and control in health care settings and in the community through education, communication, networking, research and public awareness. As a chapter we endorse the mission, vision and values of IPAC-Canada.

**Mission**: IPAC-GTA is a regional, multidisciplinary association committed to the wellness and safety of Canadians by promoting best practice in infection prevention and control through education, standards, advocacy and consumer awareness.

**Vision**: IPAC-GTA will be a regional leader and the recognized resource for the promotion of best practice in infection prevention and control.
IPAC GTA
OBJECTIVES

• Promote and increase membership engagement

• Membership engagement
  • Engage members from broader sectors (e.g. Environmental services partners, dental setting, etc.)

• Knowledge transfer: provide educational resource/content through IPAC CHATs, Education day, Journal club, etc.

• Increase social media presence

• Provide CIC study group for membership and beyond-
  • Prepare and inspire members for CIC certification/recertification

• Organize social events if permitted
IPAC GTA- MEMBERSHIP

Membership over last five years

- IPAC GTA membership has increased steadily over the past five years.

![IPAC GTA membership chart](chart.png)
GOALS/OBJECTIVES OF 2022

• Promote and increase membership participation

• Membership engagement
  • Engage members from broader sectors (e.g. Environmental services partners, dental setting, etc.)

• Provide educational resource/content through IPAC CHATs, Education day, Journal club, etc.

• Increase social media presence

• Organize in-person Chapter meetings as permitted by public health guidelines

• Continue CIC study group

• Social events

• Review policies
IPAC CANADA

Mission
IPAC Canada is a multidisciplinary member based association committed to public wellness and safety by advocating for best practices in infection prevention and control in all settings.

Vision
IPAC Canada – a national and international infection prevention and control leader.

Values Statements
Integrity
• Principled, ethical and respectful in all our activities.

Collaboration
• Open and inclusive in dealing with our partners and stakeholders.

Advocacy
• Advancement of evidence informed practices to protect our consumers.

Innovation
• Creative and responsive in meeting the membership's needs.

Leadership
• Effective and accountable in proactively pursuing our mission.
IPAC GTA MEETINGS

- IPAC GTA maintained engagement, provided educationally content and facilitated knowledge sharing virtually by IPAC CHATs via ZOOM platform
  - Hosted 4 CHATs
  - About 172 participants in total
  - May 12, 2022. “Environment and Infection in Burns” Speaker: Melisa Avaness (Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre)
  - Sep 29, 2022. “Microbiome-based interventions to decrease gastrointestinal carriage of pathogens and antimicrobial resistant organisms. Speaker: Ashley Rooney
  - Dec 8, 2022. “The fascinating role of IPAC beyond acute care and long-term care settings” Speaker Janessa McGuire (Practice Health Check) & Dan Cuthbert (Film & TV industry)
IPAC GTA EDUCATION FUNDING

IPAC GTA provided Financial support to the membership in 2020-2021

- 2 members were funded for Conference attendance

- 5 Health Care facilities were awarded IPAC Week funding support to support their IPAC week activities

- 11 members each awarded $75 for certifying first time in CIC
IPAC GTA BBQ

- First Chapter BBQ since pandemic was held on June 23, 2022.
- There were about 45 attendees
# IPAC GTA EDUCATION DAY - IN PERSON

- In-person Education was held on Sep 13, 2022.
- There were more than 200 attendees

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"IPAC Over and Above: Perseverance. Resilience. Excellence."
27th Annual IPAC Education Day
September 13th, 2022
Paradise Banquet Hall, Vaughan

## Agenda

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<td>Melissa Avanesian</td>
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<td>&quot;Thriving in Times of Change&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;Re-defining IPAC post-pandemic&quot;</td>
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<td>Are we managing CPE appropriately across healthcare spectrum in Ontario?</td>
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IPAC GTA EDUCATION DAY - IN PERSON
CIC STUDY GROUP

- IPAC GTA provided CIC study group sessions to the membership (see table below)
- There were 75 registrants
- The sessions were facilitated by 6 Certified IPAC GTA members via ZOOM platform

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

As the pandemic has evolved, IPAC GTA has remained committed to connecting with members virtually and incorporating in-person events keeping safety as priority, while balancing membership engagement and knowledge transfer.

We will continue to engage with the membership in multiple modalities across continuum of care.