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Membership has its Benefits!

The Central South Ontario, Infection Prevention and Control Canada Chapter (IPAC-CSO), is a group of healthcare professionals working in the field of infection prevention and control that come together a few times throughout the year to network and collaborate. Membership within the chapter provides infection control professionals (ICP) with many benefits:

1. Opportunity for networking and collaborating with other infection control professionals
2. Educational opportunities and support for CIC, SARE and conferences.
3. Gain experience and expertise in the field
4. Connect and educate with your community
5. Opportunities to share innovative ideas and projects

Regular attendance at chapter meetings also provides the benefit of conference funding and support for IPAC week activities in healthcare organizations. Funding support from IPAC-CSO allows ICPs to attend national conferences where they can learn and grow, bringing new ideas for infection prevention back to their organization. Most educational opportunities for ICPs are external to a healthcare organization; therefore the funding support provided by IPAC-CSO is important for their knowledge growth.

Accreditation Canada standards suggest that infection control professionals must partner with organizations across the continuum of care to implement infection prevention and control activities. Attendance at IPAC-CSO meetings will give your employees representation at a community level and the access to tools and support to help promote the importance of infection prevention and control at your facility.

Testimonial, Nancy Peddle, Infection Control Coordinator, Brant Community Healthcare System:
"As a member of the IPAC-CSO chapter since 2005, I have been provided the financial support to attend six national conferences. I have also had the opportunity to make valuable connections with other infection control colleagues, discuss policies and protocols, learn new information and foster my growth as a leader in the field of infection prevention and control."

Testimonial, Cheryl Collins, Infection Control Practitioner, City of Hamilton Long Term Care Homes (LTCH), Macassa Lodge & Wentworth Lodge:

"Under the LTCH Act, each LTCH must have a robust Infection Prevention & Control (IPAC) Program that is coordinated by a staff member who is educated and experienced in current and prevailing IPAC practices. One of the many challenges that we face in the LTCH sector is no dedicated funding for such a vital program. The important role of the IPAC Program coordinator is often an additional responsibility assumed by one of our Nursing Leadership team members and ensuring they meet the additional qualifications can be challenging. Membership with IPAC Canada and the local Central South Chapter (IPAC CSO) will help to support your IPAC Program coordinator to fulfill these requirements. Through

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Chapter involvement, your staff member will gain education & networking opportunities, support & resources to expand their IPAC knowledge and experience and in turn succeed at ensuring best practices in infection prevention and control within your facility to deliver safe care for your Residents and Staff. I highly recommend that you support your IPAC coordinator through membership in IPAC CSO Chapter."