

CHICA- Eastern Ontario (CHICA-EO)

2009 Executive

President:	Bonnie Carter, RN
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2010 Executive

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Geographic Area Served: Eastern Ontario from Trenton to Brockville, Lake Ontario north to Bancroft

Membership: 2009 membership increased again to 77 paid members, plus 4 Honourary life members.

Meetings / Education:

CHICA-EO meets 5 times annually, plus sponsored a special summer social meeting. Most meetings are held at the Mental Health site of Providence Care in Kingston in a room that enables members in remote areas to link via both videoconference and teleconference. All meetings consist of a business portion; including round table discussion, as well as an education session organized by our education chair Paul Webber. Topics presented in 2009 included:

- February 19: **The Cost and Control of Foodborne Illness, Keith Warriner**
- April 22: **Provision of Medical Care in Africa: Rewards and Challenges. Dr. Andrew Simor** shared his expertise on this fascinating topic
- June 17: **Current Issues in Disinfection of Environmental Surfaces in Healthcare Settings, Syed A. Sattar PhD.** This meeting was jointly sponsored by CHICA EO and CIPP (Community Infection Prevention Partners) of the KFL&A Public Health. Additionally there were five other groups joining in via videoconferencing: Sudbury, Timmins, Saut Area, Services de santé de Chapeau and Temiskaming.
- July 17: The Summer Social was held at the home of Shirley MacDonald. Attendance was down and the chapter conducted a survey of members to identify the feasibility of continuing this annual event. Results were overwhelmingly to continue a social/educational event annually for the chapter.
- An education subcommittee was formed to prepare for a Trade Show in the spring of 2010
- September 15: **Infection Control in the Personal Services Settings.** Lindsay Nicholson from Kingston Frontenac Lennox & Addington Public Health presented a fresh and informative session on practices and what to look for at spas and piercing facilities.

- November 18: **WHO recommendations on Infection Prevention and Control Measures in healthcare for Pandemic Influenza (H1N1) 2009**, A timely video education session by Carmem Lucia Pessoa-Silva, MD PhD, WHO.

Highlights:

2009 was another very active year for our chapter. Some of the highlights include:

- As above, our chapter once again successfully cohosted an infection education session with our area Public Health which invited a broader audience to come and learn.
- Policies updated in 2009 in the manual and on the CHICA-EO website include: job descriptions for all Executive positions, the Library and travel expenses.
- Dr. Dick Zoutman MD retired from the CHICA-Canada Board at the end of 2008 after completing four terms (12 years) as Physician Director. Dr. Zoutman received the CHICA Canada Honorary Lifetime Membership in 2009 and CHICA - Eastern Ontario acknowledges our chapter members accomplishments.
- CHICA-Canada Conference Scientific Planning Committee: Jim Gauthier continues to serve, and will be Chair for the 2010 CHICA annual conference in Vancouver. Amanda Knapp is appointed for a two-year term representing Community/Public Health.
- Susan Cooper is the Member At Large for the 2011 National Conference in Toronto
- Despite the untimely arrival of H1N1, 7+ Chapter members attended the 2009 CHICA conference in St. John's Newfoundland. The President and President Elect were unable to attend however did participate in the President's meeting held by teleconference.
- CHICA EO members continued to participate actively on all CHICA interest groups
- Several Chapter members were on the Regional Infection Control Network committees to design pocket guides for both acute and long term care on IPAC.
- Three new CIC's in our membership raising our total to 21

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Chapter President