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Provincial Infection Control Network – BC “Debugging Healthcare Together!”

PICNet 2007 Educational Conference Feedback

Comments and formal evaluations from the PICNet 2007 Educational Conference have now been compiled by the PICNet Management Office. We would like to thank all delegates who took the time to fill out the evaluation, as your suggestions and comments will help us continue to improve upon our conference and make it an increasingly valuable experience for our Community of Practice. 33 respondents filled in the evaluations, with an overwhelmingly positive response to the presentations and the overall structure of the conference. Particular highlights, according to respondents, were Karen Hope’s presentation on accreditation and Gordon Burrill’s presentation on construction guidelines and infection control. One very practical suggestion from multiple respondents was that we make handouts of the presentations available for participants at next year’s conference. We also received some useful ideas for potential panels or themes at future events. One of the strongest indicators of a successful conference is that everyone who responded either agreed or strongly agreed that they would attend future PICNet educational conferences, and that they would recommend future PICNet conferences to others. We look forward to building on your feedback and ideas.

We would also like to congratulate Rosma Facundo, who won the draw at the PICNet conference for a free registration to either this year or next year’s Community and Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA) conference, generously donated by CHICA Canada. Rosma hopes to use her prize to attend next year’s CHICA Conference in Montreal, PQ.

PICNet at CHICA conference

In other conference news, from June 9th to 14th, PICNet will be presenting and exhibiting at the CHICA National Education conference at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. We hope that you make a point to stop by our booth for a browse and a visit!

Ecuador “Healthy Hospitals” project

PICNet is very excited to be working in conjunction with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Ecuador and Washington, and the Division of Occupational Medicine at the University of British Columbia on a PAHO-funded “Healthy Hospitals” project in Ecuador. The project represents a collaborative effort between expertise in Canada and in Ecuador to work towards

strategies for protecting healthcare workers and patients in Ecuador hospitals from infectious disease transmission, by working to strengthen occupational health and safety in local facilities. The Canadian team consists of professionals in occupational health and infection prevention and control. After completing on-site occupational health and infection prevention and control audits within selected hospitals in the Quito and Amazon regions, the team will work to identify specific needs, establish or strengthen existing occupational health and safety committees in the facilities, and conduct on-site workshops to strengthen staff capacity regarding health legislation, on-the-job risks and methods of protection.

Respiratory Illness Outbreak Guidelines

The latest version of the RI guidelines, incorporating feedback from the Communicable Disease Policy Committee and the BC Association of Medical Microbiologists (BCCAMM) has now been posted on the PICNet web site at www.picnetbc.ca

PICNet Antibiotic Resistant Organism (ARO) Guidelines Working Group: An Update

Since the last face-to-face meeting in early May, work continues within the sub-groups of the ARO Working Group, and the group is aiming for a completion date of summer 2008.

The next meeting of the group will take place in June (date to be determined).

PICNet *Clostridium difficile* Surveillance Working Group: An Update

Work is well underway within the *Clostridium difficile* Working Group. The last meeting of the CDAD group was a face-to-face meeting on May 2nd. The next meeting will be held by teleconference in late June. In the meantime, working group members continue to develop the necessary leg-work, in terms of the Privacy Impact Assessment and data flow models. The group has also received a copy of the CDAD protocol from l'Institut National de Santé Publique du Québec (INSPQ).

Communications Leadership Group: An Update

The Communications Leadership Group (CLG) will meet again on July 11th, 2007. Sub-groups are currently working on a systematic review of the PICNet web site. These changes and suggestions will be discussed at the next meeting.

Webber Training debrief

Since February 2006 PICNet has hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training (<http://webbertraining.com/schedule1.php>). These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other health care professionals worldwide.

This month, there will be only one teleclass offered.

Date:	Topic of Interest:	Presenter:
June 20, 2007	Central Venous Lines and Prevention of Infection	Dr. Steve Chambers

Upcoming PICNet Meetings

Meeting	Date
ARO Working Group	tbd
CDAD Working Group	tbd
Communications Leadership Group	July 11

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