

PICNet February Newsletter

Debugging Healthcare Together!

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	<p>PICNet 2012 Educational Conference</p> <p>Registration for the PICNet 2012 Educational Conference is now open! The theme of this year's conference is 'Bridging the Pillars: Moving Forward Together', and the location is the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel in downtown Vancouver. You can view the preliminary schedule and download the registration form from the PICNet website. The date of the conference is April 19-20, 2012, and registration is open until March 31, 2012.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hotel</p> <p>If you're staying at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel, be sure to book your rooms before March 17, 2012 to receive the conference rates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call for Posters</p> <p>If you have a poster you'd like to present, please email the abstract to us. There will be prizes this year for best posters!</p> <p>Hand Hygiene Survey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tell us what you think about Hand Hygiene... and enter to win a prize!</p> <p>The Provincial Hand Hygiene survey is running until February 10th, 2012. All health authority employees who complete the survey can enter into a draw for one of five iPod touches or e-readers (your choice) or one of 10 clip-on watches!</p> <p>If you haven't already, please complete the survey and share your opinions, so that the Provincial Hand Hygiene Working Group can use the feedback to improve hand hygiene programs. All responses are completely confidential. Any questions about the survey should be directed to Robin Wilson, the Research Project Manager for the provincial hand hygiene program, at robin.wilson@phsa.ca or 604.877.6273.</p> 

ARO Guidelines Update

The PICNet Guidelines Working Group is currently updating the 2008 Antibiotic Resistant Organisms guidelines. These guidelines are based on the most recent evidence; the working group is currently performing a literature review with the aid of the CRNBC health librarians as well as the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health.

The ARO Guidelines update is being conducted in tandem with the update of the CHICA-Canada/APIC/ICNA toolkit for multi-resistant gram negative organisms. The revised ARO document will reflect these recent recommendations. You can expect to see the revised ARO guidelines in summer 2012.

Webber Training

Webber Training is a service purchased by PICNet and made available to our network members in British Columbia who have registered for this ongoing professional development and educational service. If you are not already registered, you can do so by [joining our Community of Practice](#) and then selecting 'Webber Teleclasses' for your email notifications.

February Teleclasses

February 2, 2012

The Role of Fomites in Disease Transmission in Public Environments

Speaker: Prof. Chuck Gerba, University of Arizona

February 23, 2012

The Biofilm Hypothesis of Chronic Infection

Speaker: Dr. Phillip Stewart, Center for Biofilm Engineering, University of Montana

February 29, 2012

Hygiene in the Home and Everyday Life Settings

Speaker: Dr. Sally Bloomfield, International Scientific Forum on Home Hygiene, England

You can view the entire [2012 schedule](#) on the PICNet website.

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