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Debugging Healthcare Together!

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We couldn't have done it without you!

2011 was a productive year for PICNet,
with several major accomplishments:

Surveillance

- *Clostridium difficile* surveillance and reporting at facility level
- Developed and launched MRSA surveillance

Guidelines and Best Practices

- Revisions to Respiratory Infection Outbreak guidelines
- Carbapenem Resistant Gram Negative Bacteria toolkit

Education and Training

- Online 'Workplace Audit Training for IC Practitioners' module
- Annual Educational Conference

Other projects for Ministry of Health

- Review of BC Health Authority Housekeeping Policies and Procedures for Infection Control
- Multidose Contrast Injector in Cardiac Catheterization labs
- Contributed to the 'Best Practice Guidelines For Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization of Critical and Semi-critical Medical Devices In BC Health Authorities' document

Thanks to all those who contributed to PICNet's successes over the past year; we appreciate your hard work and look forward to further collaboration in 2012!

New Year, New Website!

Happy 2012! In the spirit of 'out with the old, in with the new', PICNet has a [new website](#).

With all its new and ongoing projects and initiatives, PICNet had outgrown its old website. We hope you find the new one much easier to navigate.

This spring, we will be conducting a survey of our Community of Practice, in which we'll be asking for feedback on new site. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or there's something you can't find, please let us know!



PICNet 2012 Conference

Registration for the PICNet 2012 Educational Conference is now open! The theme of this year's conference is 'Bridging the Pillars: Moving Forward Together'. 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. We hope to see you there!

Call for Posters

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!

Education Resource Fund

PICNet's Education Resource Fund provides educational grants of up to \$1,000 annually to members of PICNet's community of practice (CoP) to support their attendance at a conference, meeting, or other educational activity of their choice. Applications for 2012 grants are now being accepted; the submission deadline is January 31, 2012. You can download the application form from our [website](#).

Hand Hygiene Survey

Tell us what you think about Hand Hygiene... and enter to win a prize!

Your help is needed! All BC Health Authorities, in conjunction with the Provincial Hand Hygiene Working Group, invite you complete a 10-minute [survey](#) about hand hygiene. It will run 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!

Please [complete the survey](#) and share your opinions, so that we 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.

Webber Training

The schedule for the [2012 Webber Teleclasses](#) is now posted. The first teleclass of the new year takes place on January 19, 2012.

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.

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