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Provincial Infection Control Network – BC “Debugging Health Care Together!”

Feedback Received on PICNet’s Draft Provincial Antibiotic Resistant Organism (ARO) Guidelines

Over the month of June, PICNet’s draft ARO guidelines were posted to our Web site (www.picnetbc.ca) for feedback, comment and review from the provincial infection prevention and control Community of Practice. We would like to thank everyone from across the province who took the time to review the document, and to provide us with your comments and suggestions.

PICNet aims to develop the most accurate, comprehensive and useful document possible, and your comments and feedback will be carefully considered at the next meeting of the ARO Working Group. We hope to have this document completed by the end of the summer, and would like to thank the members of our ARO Working Group for their dedication and continuing efforts to produce these guidelines.

On-line Education Module for Infection Prevention and Control

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of a Vancouver Coastal Health/Provincial Health Services Authority team of infection prevention and control professionals and education/technology experts, a new on-line education module for infection prevention and control has now been completed.

The module will soon be made available to health care professionals across the province. Once posted, employees of each Health Authority will be able to access the module for credit through their specific Health Authority Learning System. Other individuals not employed by a Health Authority, but still interested in the educational value of the module, will be able to access it (though not for credit) through the PICNet web site.

This on-line education module has already been recognized in early July with a BC Health Award of Merit for Collaborative Solutions by the Health Employer’s Association of BC (HEABC). Details on the award are available at <http://www.bchealthcareawards.ca/Page3144.aspx>. Congratulations to all those involved in this project!

On-line Education Module for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infections

In the same style as the on-line education module for infection prevention and control, PICNet will soon begin work on a similar module focused on the prevention of surgical site infections. The same education/technology experts will be working with PICNet and content experts from within

the infection prevention and control Community of Practice in BC to develop the content and layout of this module. Work is slated to begin on this project in later summer/early fall.

PICNet's Provincial Surveillance Program for *Clostridium difficile* Associated Disease (CDAD)

PICNet continues to work hard towards the launch of BC's first provincial surveillance program for *Clostridium difficile* Associated Disease (CDAD). The pilot is currently being expanded from Fraser Health to Vancouver Coastal Health, and the system technology and its compatibility with existing Health Authority databases is being tested. These pilots are laying the groundwork for rolling-out the system across all BC Health Authorities.

This voluntary surveillance system will enable Health Authorities to submit anonymized data from both regional and facility levels to a provincial data repository using a secure web portal. PICNet epidemiologists will then compile provincial CDAD rates and trends that will be shared with the submitters. This will enable benchmarks to be established, by which Health Authorities and facilities can measure themselves and apply interventions as necessary for improved infection prevention and control.

Home and Community Health Care Guidelines – An Update

Work is being completed on the first draft of PICNet's Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control in Home and Community Health Care Settings. Some revisions remain to be implemented, based on the feedback of the Working Group, following a face-to-face meeting in early April. When ready, the document will receive wider circulation for feedback from our Community of Practice.

Webber Training Debrief

Since February 2006 PICNet has purchased and hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training (<http://webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php>). These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other health care professionals worldwide.

Webber Training July 2008 Schedule

| Date: | Topic of Interest: | Presenter: |
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| July 17, 2008 | (Free Teleclass) Community-Associated MRSA – What's Up & What's Next | Dr. Rachel Gorwitz, CDC |
| July 22, 2008 | (Free British Teleclass) Progress Report from the Chief Nursing Officer | Christine Beasley, British Department of Health |

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