

PICNet

Provincial Infection Control Network - BC

Hello Everyone,

Third Stakeholder Summit

Remember the date for the Third Stakeholder Summit is **June 21, 2006**. Invitations will be sent out early in May, so if you haven't received one by mid-May and are interested in attending, please contact us at: picnetbc@bccdc.ca

Respiratory Outbreak Guidelines

Valerie Schall, a graduate student in the UBC faculty of Health Care and Epidemiology, will be working for PICNet this summer and helping us in the development of respiratory outbreak guidelines for facilities. Valerie will begin by reviewing current literature and existing guidelines from all Health Authorities in BC, as well as national and international source. She will be contacting PICNet stakeholders to ensure their current respiratory outbreak guidelines and policies are included in this review. Following this review PICNet will be inviting decision makers and stakeholders in Public Health, Occupational Health and Infection Control to take part in a working group to develop guidelines that will reflect a collaborative and integrated approach to identifying best practices related to the prevention and control of respiratory outbreaks in British Columbia. Stay tuned for more information on how you can become involved in this exciting new PICNet project!

Webber Training Debrief

Since February 2006, PICNet has hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training (<http://webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php>). These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other healthcare professionals worldwide. The charts below list the topics of interest, the outlines, the name and affiliation of the presenters, for upcoming teleclasses in the month of May.

Date:	Topic of Interest:	Teleclass Outline:	Presenter:
May 16th, 2006	Product Evaluation and Selection	a process by which any product can be evaluated against similar products such that the final purchase decision is logical, defensible, and most likely to be successful	Robert Garcia, Brookdale University Medical Center
May 18th, 2006	Antibiotic Prescribing Practices and Antibiotic Resistance	Logic would hold that as antibiotic prescribing increases, so too would antibiotic resistance. Thus, if antibiotic prescribing decreased, we would see a similar decrease in resistance. This teleclass will evaluate prescribing practices and antibiotic resistance in various jurisdictions, and make observations and recommendations for the future.	Dr. Dick Zoutman, Queen's University
May 25th, 2006	Infection Control on Cruise Ships	Every year tens of thousands of people spend a week or more on their vacation onboard a cruise ship. In recent years, some very high profile infectious disease outbreaks have tarnished the image of this industry. This teleclass will discuss the measures that cruise ship companies take to break the chain of infection, how cruise ship medical facilities deal with infection control issues, and will assess the risk of acquiring an infectious disease while on a cruise ship.	Dr. Robert Wheeler, Voyager Medical Seminars

Recent and Upcoming PICNet Meetings

	APRIL	MAY
Steering Committee	April 18	May 24
Surgical Site Surveillance WG	April 19	

Needs Assessment Project Update

The Needs Assessment is complete! The final draft document has been presented to the PICNet Steering Committee and will be presented to the Provincial Medical Services Committee on May 11th, 2006. Following that we will be preparing to present the findings to our community of practice at the upcoming Stakeholder Summit on June 21, 2006.

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p.s. To those that are going, have fun at CHICA!