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Interim Guidelines for Baseline Assessment and Management of Health Care Workers who are Cases or Contacts of Measles

The new [Interim Guidelines for Baseline Assessment and Management Health Care Workers \(HCW\) who are Cases or Contacts of Measles](#) are now available. The document provides a brief history of the live vaccine and how to determine immunity status, as immunity to measles is particularly important for adults who have a high risk of exposure, such as HCWs. It is recommended that immunity records, if available, are obtained at the time of employment. The guidelines also provide advice on the management of HCW cases of Measles. PICNet would like to thank the Vaccine Preventable Diseases working group for their contributions and for completing the document in such a timely matter.



New CDI Checklist: Preventing and Controlling CDI

A new resource has been added to the *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Toolkit, titled [Preventing and Controlling Clostridium difficile Infections: An Implementation Checklist](#). The document recommends a multidisciplinary organizational approach to implementing controls to decrease cases of healthcare associated CDI and to minimize the risk of complications associated with the infection. The suggested strategies can be tailored for facility-based checklists that responsible multidisciplinary teams can use to guide province-wide best practices.



Did you know?

PICNet provides access to and offers three online education modules. They are accessible from our public website in the Education & Training section.

- [Central Venous Catheter \(CVC\) Care & Maintenance](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control](#)
- [Surgical Site Infections \(SSI\): Prevention of Surgical Site Infections](#)


Gastrointestinal Infection Outbreak Guidelines Now Available

The [Gastrointestinal \(GI\) Infection Outbreak Guidelines](#) are intended to assist healthcare facilities when developing or updating their policies and processes that pertain to prevention, surveillance for, identification and control of GI infection outbreaks. The document will also facilitate straightforward and timely policy or protocol development. The guidelines are now included in the BC Centre for Disease Control’s [Communicable Disease Control Manual](#) in the Infection Control section. PICNet would like to thank the GI Infection Outbreak Working Group for their involvement and for the success of this document.

Another Successful Year: PICNet Annual Report

PICNet reached many milestones during the last fiscal year, as a result of the hard work and participation from our working groups, committees, and our Community of Practice. The *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Surveillance System was launched in June 2009, with the first provincial reports released in March 2010. Many educational resources were released, including the *Prevention of Surgical Site Infections* online education module and the Hand Hygiene Resource Page. Read more about PICNet’s accomplishments and our future plans in our [2009/2010 Annual Report](#).





Did you receive a calendar?

Our most recent fiscal calendar (2010/2011) was handed out at the last CHICA Education Conference in May. If you were unable to make it to the conference or you would like a few calendars for your infection prevention & control team, please [contact us](#) with your name, address, and requested quantity (maximum 5 per request please).

Upcoming Infection Prevention & Control Events

APIC 2010, 37th Annual Educational Conference & International Meeting
New Orleans, LA
July 11-15, 2010
www.apic.org

International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases
Atlanta, Georgia
July 11-14, 2010
www.iceid.org

PICNet Working Group Updates

Surveillance Steering Committee

Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI) surveillance reports for fiscal Quarters 2 and 3 of 2009/2010 are currently undergoing final review. We are hoping to release the quarterly updates on our website by the end of summer 2010.

Vaccines Preventable Diseases (VPD) Working Group

The interim measles guidelines are now available on our website. The group is now working on guidelines for rubella. Once all sections are complete, all VPD guidelines will be combined into a single document to address measles, mumps and rubella.

Education Steering Committee

The education steering committee is currently forming with PICNet's Education Consultant, Joanne Archer, as the lead for this group. The first meeting will be held during summer of 2010, with work to begin on the 2011 educational conference in September 2010.

PICNet Reminders

2011 Educational Conference – Save the Date!

The next PICNet Educational Conference will be held from **April 7-8, 2011**. Planning will begin at the end of summer 2010. If you are interested in volunteering or being part of the planning committee, look for more information in our August 2010 newsletter.

Education Resource Fund

A reminder to recipients to please submit your entire claim using the [Travel/Expense Claim Form](#), with your original receipts, to the PICNet office before March 31, 2011.

Project Proposals

Do you have an idea for a project or initiative? Is there an important issue that you would like PICNet to address? PICNet accepts project proposals year-round. For more information and to download the project proposal form, please visit the [Forms & Feedback](#) section of www.picnetbc.ca

Webber Training

Since February 2006 PICNet has purchased and hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training. These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other health care professionals worldwide. Teleclass education is run by volunteers around the world, and on a not-for-profit basis.

For more information on the topics and faculty of the 2010 Teleclass Education lecture series please visit the Webber Training web site www.webbertraining.com. The 2010 Webber Training schedule has been posted on the PICNet website, which can be accessed through the [Education & Training](#) section. Sign-up to receive email reminders of upcoming teleclasses which include links to class slides, handouts and the local PICNet teleconference connection number by [contacting us](#).



*As a reminder, please remember to mute your line by pressing *6, to avoid disturbing the experience of others who are participating.*

Upcoming Webber Teleclasses

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Please contact Lucy Truong at lucy.truong@phsa.ca with your feedback and comments.

Date	Teleclass Topic and Speaker
July 8	Infection as a Risk Factor for Chronic Disease Dr. Allison Aiello, University of Michigan School of Public Health
July 15	Forever the Unknown: The Lujo Virus Experience in Johannesburg South Africa Prof. Adriano Duse, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
July 29	Addressing Infection Prevention & Control in Low Resource Settings: The IFIC Approach Dr. Michael Borg, St. Luke's Hospital, Malta
Aug 12	Positive Deviance: Unleashing Secret Change Agents in Your Hospital to Prevent MRSA Infections Dr. Jon Lloyd, Plexus Institute