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PICNet 2012 Educational Conference
Coast Coal Harbour Hotel
Vancouver, BC
April 19-20, 2012

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PICNet 2012 Conference - Save the Date!

Due to an extended Spring Break in some of the BC school districts, the PICNet 2012 conference dates have moved to **April 19-20, 2012**.

The theme of the conference is **Bridging the Pillars: Moving Forward Together**. A speaker list and registration information will be sent out later this month.

Education Day 2011

PICNet hosted an Education Day on November 29th, on the topic of **GI Infections: New Issues with Old Pathogens**.

PICNet wishes to thank our presenters, and Hygie Canada for their generous sponsorship.



For those who missed the event, the webcast can be viewed [online](#). Please tell your colleagues about the webcast - it will be available for the next six months!

Education Resource Fund

PICNet is now accepting applications for **Education Resource Fund Grants**. Members of PICNet's community of practice may apply to receive up to \$1,000 annually to support their attendance at a conference, meeting, or other educational activity. The amount awarded to any individual applicant will be determined by the selection committee.

To apply, please fill out the [PDF form](#) and email to picnet@phsa.ca. Applications are due by Tuesday January 31, 2012 for educational activities scheduled from April 2012 to March 2013. If you have any questions about the application, please call Bruce Gamage at 604-707-2640 or Joanne Archer at 250-964-4824.

Medical Tourism Report

A new report '**Understanding the Health and Safety Risks for British Columbia's Outbound Medical Tourists**' has been prepared by a research team led by Valorie Crooks of Simon Fraser University.

Medical tourism is the practice of travelling abroad to privately purchase medical care. Risks include medical complications, (un)informed decision-making, transmission of infectious disease via transplantation, transmission of antibiotic resistant organisms, personal safety risks, and (dis)continuity of care. You can read the full report [here](#).

Provincial Hand Hygiene Project

New Hand Hygiene Project Manager

Robin Wilson has joined the PICNet team as project manager for the hand hygiene study we're collaborating in. The project will support the Provincial Hand Hygiene Working Group through a healthcare worker hand hygiene perception survey, and will evaluate the implementation of a province-wide hand hygiene program.

About the Hand Hygiene Project

It is well known that hand hygiene is important in protecting patients; however, less attention has been paid to its ability to protect healthcare workers. Thanks to a grant from WorkSafeBC, in November 2011 the Provincial Hand Hygiene Working Group (PHHWG) launched a two-year research project looking at just that.

Hand Hygiene Survey - January 2012

In January, an electronic survey will be sent out to healthcare staff working in acute care settings. This survey, along with key informant interviews, will provide the baseline for understanding the impact of the provincial program. The results will be reported back to the PHHWG and the Health Authorities to ensure that the program is meeting the needs and realities of workers.

If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact Robin Wilson at robin.wilson@phsa.ca or 604-877-6273.

New President-Elect of CHICA-Canada

Bruce Gamage, PICNet's Network Manager, has been chosen as the new President-Elect of CHICA-Canada! Bruce will become President-Elect on January 1, 2012, and will be President in 2013.

In his term as CHICA president, Bruce looks forward to making national and international connections within the infection control community, and taking leadership in national infection control initiatives.



Webber Training

Upcoming Webber Teleclasses

Webber teleclasses address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other health care professionals worldwide. For more information and for an updated schedule, visit the Webber Training web site www.webbertraining.com.

December 1, 2011 - Strategies for Improving Hand Hygiene Compliance in the ICU

Speaker: Dr. Alexandre R. Marra, Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein, Brazil

December 7, 2011 - (Free WHO Teleclass - North America) Best Practice for

Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare

Speaker: Prof. William Rutala, University of North Carolina

December 15, 2011 - Surgical Implantables Being Reprocessed: Pandora's Surgery Box is Opened!

Speaker: Dr. Michelle Alfa, Diagnostic Services of Manitoba

Archived recordings

You can also access Webber archived teleclasses at

<http://webbertraining.com/recordingslibraryc4.php>.

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