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## ARO Guidelines Revision - your input is requested

The ARO Guidelines Working Group has been revising the 2005 Antibiotic Resistant Organisms (ARO) Provincial Guidelines to reflect their review of the latest evidence on common AROs and include new information on emerging organisms.

**The draft document is now posted on the PICNet website for review and comment by the infection prevention and control Community of Practice.** Please read the document and use the Document Feedback Form to send any comments to [Joanne Archer](#), Education and Best Practices Coordinator by January 31, 2013.

Thank you in advance for your input into this important resource.

[Download the ARO Guidelines document and feedback form](#)

## New Strain of Norovirus

The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has released its latest [Laboratory Trends](#) newsletter, which reports a new strain of norovirus in BC, the GII.4 Sydney (2012). Coinciding with this new strain, the number of reported gastroenteritis outbreaks in October and November 2012 was the highest since 2006. BCCDC's Laboratory Trends includes the latest provincial data on GI outbreaks in hospitals and the community, as well as information on norovirus prevention measures provided by PICNet, which reflect the provincial GI Guidelines.

PICNet Manager Bruce Gamage was interviewed by CBC News Early Edition on the topic of Norovirus this morning (January 7); you can listen to the [podcast](#). (The interview runs from 12:40 to 19:00)

Read: [BCCDC Laboratory Trends](#) | [PICNet information](#)  
| [Provincial GI Guidelines](#)

## Hand Hygiene Module on PHS LearningHub

Users of PICNet's education modules have been requesting tracking ability and certificates of completion. To meet this request, PICNet is making the newest education modules available on the PHS Learning Hub. Anyone can use the PHS LearningHub (not just PHS employees).

The Provincial Hand Hygiene education module is now available on the LearningHub, and the Infection Control Basics module, which is currently being updated, will be available in a few weeks.

PICNet has created [a set of instructions](#) on how to create a LearningHub account (you only need to provide your name and email address), how to find the course, and how to print your certificate after you have completed the course.

[Take me to the Hand Hygiene module on the PHS Learning Hub!](#)

## PICNet Conference - Register by March 30th

Registration for the PICNet 2013 Educational Conference is open until March 30, 2013. The preliminary program is posted on the [PICNet website](#). We hope to see you there!



## Webber Training

### Upcoming Webber Teleclasses

#### **The Patient Experience as a Catalyst for Change**

24 January 2013

Speaker: Margaret Murpy, Expert Lead, Patients for Patient Safety, World Health Organization



#### **Infection Prevention and Social Change**

31 January 2013

Speaker: Prof. Elaine Larson, Columbia University

#### **Why Evidence Should Have Biological Plausibility: The Story Of Chlorhexidine And Its Role In Skin Antisepsis**

7 February 2013

Speaker: Prof. Matthias Maiwald, National University of Singapore

The Webber Teleclass schedule is now posted on the [PICNet website](#) for January-March 2013.

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