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# PICNet

## PROVINCIAL INFECTION CONTROL NETWORK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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# PICNet March Newsletter

## Debugging Healthcare Together!

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### CRE in the News

Following the publication of a news release by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control stating that more than 200 U.S. hospitals and long-term, acute-care facilities had cases of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) in the first half of 2012, there were several local news items this week about CRE.



Bruce Gamage, PICNet Network Manager, was interviewed by The Province and by City TV. You can read The Province article [here](#).

CRE was first seen in BC in 2008, and to date there are no proven B.C. cases of CRE spreading from one patient to another. BC has protocols in place for dealing with CRE; these are reflected in PICNet's newly revised ARO guidelines, which will be published later this month.

### Infection Control Resources

PICNet has recently created some two-pagers on infection control topics that we frequently receive questions about: **Alcohol-based Hand Rub vs. Soap and Water**; and **Influenza and Norovirus: Steps to Prevent Outbreaks**. You can [download and print these](#), and share them with your staff and volunteers. We will be creating more such resources over the coming months; please let us know if there are any you would specifically like.

There are also many other [toolkits and resources](#) on the PICNet website!

### Education Resource Fund

Congratulations to Holly-Lynn Nelson, Sylvia Eaton, Eileen Lavoie, Bonnie Schurack, Kelsi Laporte, Elisa Lloyd-Smith, and Norberto Peralta, recipients of the 2013/14 PICNet Education Resource Fund grants.

If you would like to apply for a grant next year, remember to get involved with PICNet throughout the year, either by volunteering

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### Upcoming Events

[CSA Infection Control Courses](#)  
March and April 2013

[AMMI Canada - CACMID](#), April 4-6, 2013  
Québec City, QC

[PICNet 2013 Educational Conference](#)  
April 11-12, 2013  
Vancouver, BC

[CHICA-Canada 2013 National Scientific Conference](#)  
Jun 1-5, 2013  
Ottawa, ON

[Canadian Public Health Association \(CPHA\) 2013 Annual Conference](#)  
June 9 - 12, 2013  
Ottawa, ON

[7th National](#)

to participate in committees or by providing feedback when draft documents are posted for review.

## PICNet Conference

The PICNet conference is now sold out! We look forward to seeing all our participants there. For those unable to attend, slides will be posted after the conference.

## PHAC Guidelines

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has published two new sets of guidelines: **Hand Hygiene Practices in Healthcare Settings**, and **Routine Practices and Additional Precautions Assessment and Educational Tools**. You can download these documents from the [PICNet website](#).

## ARO Guidelines

In April 2012, PICNet began revising the 2008 ARO guidelines to reflect new developments and findings. The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) performed a literature review which was used by the ARO review committee as the basis for the new document. In January, the draft document was shared with the infection prevention & control Community of Practice for review and comment. **The new guidelines will be posted later this month - we will send an announcement as soon as they are up!**

## Webber Training

### Upcoming Webber Teleclasses

Please note: the Webber schedule is subject to change, so be sure to regularly check the PICNet website for upcoming classes. We will always send out the email notification 1-3 days before, so make sure you're [signed up](#) for these.



#### March 21st, 2013

Tuberculosis Infection Control In High HIV Burdened Countries  
Speaker: Speaker: Dr. Virginia Lipke, CDC, Atlanta

#### April 9th, 2013

Innovation And New Indicators In Hand Hygiene Monitoring  
Speaker: Speaker: Prof. John Boyce, Yale University, Connecticut

#### April 11th, 2013

Utilizing Hospital-To-Hospital Partnerships To Strengthen IPC  
Speaker: Speaker: Dr. Shamsuzzoha Babar Syed, World Health Organisation, Geneva

#### April 18th, 2013

Leadership In Infection Prevention And Control  
Speaker: Speaker: Martin Kiernan, Southport & Ormskirk Hospital

#### Community Health Nurses Conference

Jun 17-19, 2013  
Kelowna, BC

#### XIVth Int'l Congress of Mycology, XIVth Int'l Congress of Bacteriology & Applied Microbiology, XVIth Int'l Congress of Virology

July 27-Aug 1, 2014  
Montréal, Canada

NHS Trust

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

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