New Infection Control Basics e-Learning Module

The Infection Control Basics e-Learning module has been updated, and is now available on PHSA’s Learning Hub! The new version consists of two separate modules:

- Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Direct Clinical Care Providers
- Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Healthcare Providers Not Involved in Direct Clinical Care

Anyone (including healthcare workers not employed by a health authority) can access the modules, but please note, in order for each HA to have records of who has completed the modules, staff must access the modules as follows:

- PHSA, Northern Health, and Island Health: use the Learning Hub
- Vancouver Coastal Health: currently use CCRS (but CCRS will be merged into the Learning Hub within 2-3 months)
- Interior Health: staff must use the IH learning platform
- Fraser Health: a modified version of the modules will be available on the FH learning platform soon.

Everyone is welcome to view and try out the modules on the LearningHub! And thanks to the Education Steering Committee for their work on this project.

Critical Appraisal Toolkit e-Learning Module

The Introduction to Critical Appraisal education module was created by Joanne Archer to introduce ICPs to the Critical Appraisal Toolkit recently developed by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). PICNet promotes the use of evidence to guide decisions made in health care, and wanted to enable its Community of Practice to become skilled at and comfortable in using the Critical Appraisal Toolkit. Other health care professionals who would like to improve on their critical appraisal skills may also find it helpful.

The online modules are intended to refresh your memories on some of the key elements used in critical appraisal so that you will be more confident using PHAC's toolkit. It is not meant to take the place of a research methods course.

To access the course, click on the link above. This course has audio, so you will need a computer with speakers or headphones.
PICNet Presentations at IPAC-Canada Conference

Two PICNet staff will be giving oral presentations at this year's IPAC-Canada conference:

Guanghong Han will be presenting "The impact of vancomycin-resistant enterococi (VRE) policy and practice change in British Columbia". His submission was also chosen by IPAC-Canada as Best Abstract!
Helen Evans will be presenting on behalf of the BC Hand Hygiene Communications Group, "Many Hands Make Light Work: A Year of Hand Hygiene Campaigns".

If you’re attending the IPAC-Canada conference, we hope you will come see both presentations! (Dates and times of both are still to be announced.)

CPSI Webinar and Video Contest Winner

On May 4th, the Canadian Patient Safety Institute hosted a webinar for Stop! Clean Your Hands day. Making It Stick: When Asking, Telling & Begging Just Isn't Enough included three presentations followed by Q&A from the audience. If you missed the live webinar, we recommend that you listen to the archived version; there were some thought-provoking ideas presented.

You can also view the entries for CPSI's hand hygiene video contest on YouTube. The winner was Covenant Health, for their video "Hand Hygiene - It Makes a Difference" (a great one to share with your staff, and use in IPC education!)

Surveillance Reports: to be posted May 12

The Q3 surveillance reports for CDI, MRSA, CPO and HCC have not yet been posted due to the pre-election dropping of the writ. The reports will be posted on Friday May 12th.

RI Guidelines Update: Reminder to provide feedback

The provincial Respiratory Infection Outbreak Guidelines are being updated, and our first step in the process is to solicit feedback from the Community of Practice on the current guidelines. We ask that you give the guidelines a quick review, and then complete our online survey. Your input is important in improving this resource!

Download the current guidelines Go to the survey
Upcoming Webinars and Lectures

**Hepatitis C Elimination: What are the Implementation Gaps?**
May 9, 2017
Host: BCCDC Grand Rounds
Presenter: Dr. Mel Krajden

**Critical analysis of the evidence for health care worker influenza vaccination**
May 16, 2017
Host: BCCDC Grand Rounds
Presenter: Dr. Danuta Skowronski

**Immunizing Children Against Pneumococcal Infections: Experiences from Brazil, USA, and Canada**
May 18, 2017
Host: ICID "National Grand Rounds" in Infectious Diseases
Presenters: Dr. Lily Yin Weckx, Federal University of São Paulo, Brazil; Dr. Sheldon Kaplan, Texas Children’s Hospital, USA; Dr. Marina Salvadori, London Health Sciences Centre, Ontario

**Parechoviruses**
June 6, 2017
Host: BCCDC Grand Rounds
Presenters: Inna Sekirov and Dr. Ghada Al-Rawahi

You can read more about the above topics and presenters on the [PICNet website](https://www.picnet.org).

Webber Training: Upcoming Teleclasses

**The airborne spread of infectious agents: survival and decontamination of human pathogens in indoor air**
Date: May 18th, 2017  Time: 10:30 am PST
Speaker: Prof. Syed A. Sattar, University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine

**Using unofficial sources to monitor outbreaks of emerging infectious diseases: Lessons from ProMED**
Date: June 1st, 2017  Time: 10:30 am PST
Speaker: Prof. Lawrence Madoff, Harvard University Medical School, Editor of ProMED Mail

**Establishing a national IPC program on a shoestring budget**
Date: June 8th, 2017  Time: 10:30 am PST
Speaker: Prof. Shaheen Mehtar, Infection Control Africa Network, and Stellenbosch University, Cape Town
You can view the full schedule for upcoming months by clicking on "more teleclasses" on PICNet’s [Webber Teleclass](https://www.picnet.org) page.

**Dial-in instructions**
604-899-2339 or 1-877-385-4099
Pass Code: 7188720#

And don't forget... recordings of past teleclasses, including classes that were not broadcast by PICNet due to time zone differences, are available on our [Webber Archives](https://www.picnet.org) web page.