

IPAC-SA – Summer Newsletter



We want to see you at our next meeting!

When: Sept 2nd 1300-1530

Where: Solarium 4th floor at RRDTC

Directions: [Click here for Google Map](#)

For those who are unable to attend in-person
LYNC info: See LYNC email sent out one week prior by Heather MacLaurin

****New** Meeting Schedule**

LYNC Meetings

(LYNC email sent out one week prior to meeting)

1300-1400

Face-to-Face Meetings

(to be held at RRDTC in the Solarium)

1300-1530

October 7th, 2015
November 4th, 2015
January 6th, 2015
February 3rd, 2015
April 6th, 2015
May 4th, 2015

March 2nd, 2016
June 1st, 2016

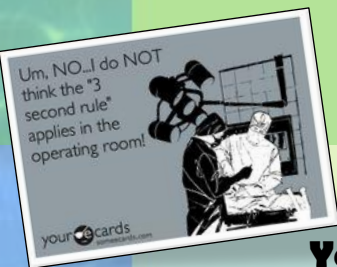
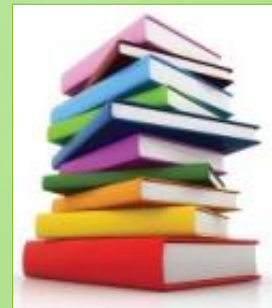


September Education Sessions:

Sept 2nd: TBD

Sept 18th: IPAC-NA Education Day: **“Weird, Wacky and Wonderful”**

Please Note: Education sessions will be 30 minutes long during LYNC meetings and 60 minutes long during face-to-face meetings.



Your IPAC Committee Members' Contact Information:

President: Michelle Platt

President Elect: *“insert YOUR name here”*

Secretary: Heather MacLaurin

Treasurer: Sue Crittenden

Past President: Jennifer Ellison

Education Coordinator: Kristine Cannon

Seminar/Fundraising Coordinator: Melissa Eyben

Chapter Web Master: Wendy Runge

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We won the IPAC Canada Conference
Chapter Challenge!!

\$1000.00

(more information at the September Meeting)



**Congratulations to the following IPAC-SA Poster Presenters at
the IPAC Canada Conference:**

**Gwyneth Meyers
Blanda Chow
Jenine Leal
Kathryn Bush
Elizabeth Henderson
Kristine Cannon**

**Leeanne VanRootselaar
Linda Kamhuka
Craig Pearce
John Conly
Isabelle Tremblay
Karen Cargill**

For presentation abstracts, please visit: [IPAC Canada Conference Information](#)

Are you preparing to write the CIC Exam?
Are you wondering what steps you need to take?
If so, please visit the Marketing Toolkit at

<http://www.cbic.org/UserFiles/file/marketing-toolkit-v1.pdf>



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FEEDBACK FOR CSA guidelines

Over the past year, questions have come up in CSA committees about innovative technologies and materials intended for health care facilities, to reduce the incidence of healthcare-acquired infections (HAIs). Because these products are so new it is taking some time for sufficient evidence to become available to support decisions on whether or not to use them. Often there are good results from tests performed in laboratory conditions, but limited data on their actual clinical effectiveness in reducing HAIs.

As a first step towards addressing this concern, CSA gathered a committee of experts to create a guideline that an HCF could use to evaluate these new products. The CSA Express Document (EXP06) on ***Emerging Materials and Technologies for Infection Prevention and Control*** is available for public review until **September 7, 2015**, at the following link:

<http://publicreview.csa.ca/Home/Details/1713>

If you have not yet participated in any CSA public reviews, here's a quick reference to getting started (instructions are also available on the "Help" tab of the public review web site):

- Go to our public review home page, <http://publicreview.csa.ca/>
- Click on "Register" on the top blue tab
- Once your account has been activated, scroll down on the home page under the "Browse by Subject" heading and click on the folder called "Health Care and Medical Devices"
- This document is called EXP06 ***Emerging Materials and Technologies for Infection Prevention and Control***

You can also subscribe to receive automatic notification of public review drafts in any of the subject areas – don't hesitate to contact me for further information!

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“Weird, Wacky and Wonderful in IPC”

IPAC-NA Education Day 2015

Date: Friday, Sept. 18, 2015

Time: 0800-1530

Where: Telehealth *confirm your telehealth site via email with Heather MacLaurin by August 31st

Cost: **Free**

Deadline for Registration: August 31st *PLEASE SEE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM*

AHS Staff: Zone Director approval required prior to registration

Education Sessions offered:

0835 - Opening Remarks

Dawn Friesen Executive Director, Health Protection Branch Health Accountability and System Performance Division, Alberta Health

0845 - Where the Wild Things Are: Experience with Monitoring Disinfection

Paul Zork Director of Operations, Linen & Environmental Services, Edmonton Zone

0930 - KEY NOTE: EBOLA: A Personal Experience

Patrice Gordon: Patrice will share her personal insight of being a care provider at an Ebola treatment centre in Sierra Leone, a patient upon return to Canada, and a focus of the media spotlight.

1050 - Who, What, Where, and Why Me?

Kim Simmonds, Epidemiologist, Alberta Health: Kim will be speaking about carbapenem resistant organisms (CRO)

1120 - The Mysteries and Challenges of Medical Device Reprocessing & Endoscopy

Catherine Williamson, Medical Device Reprocessing Lead, Edmonton Zone

1245 - Bioterrorism: The Dark Side of Biotechnology

Barry Barkley, PhD., President/CEO of Planet Biotechnologies Inc., St Albert, Canada

1330 - Neurosyphilis: When Dementia is Not What it Seems

Dr. Jan Banasch, Psychiatrist, Alberta Health Services

1445 - You Want to do What? Where? The Expanding Challenge of Inspecting Personal Service Settings

Jason Macdonald, President, Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, Alberta Branch