

The IPAC Link Letter

A monthly review of highlights and linked updates from the ever-changing world of Infection Prevention and Control to help you stay current and informed.

Mark Your Calendars:



[National Infection Control Week](#): Infection Prevention and Control in Every Season
October 14-18th

Canadian Patient Safety Week #ConquerSilence [October 28-November 1, 2019](#)

4th Annual [One Health Day](#): November 3rd 2019

[IPAC Canada 2020 National Education Conference](#): May 3-6th, Winnipeg, Manitoba
20/20 Vision. What's on the Horizon? Start applying for scholarships and funding now. [Diversey info](#) [Gojo info](#) [SASKPIC application](#) and [Policy](#)

Highlights from the World of Infection Control:

[Infection Prevention and You](#): Preparing for the flu season

Flu Vaccine will be available in Saskatchewan starting Monday October 21st [Know before you go](#)

Misuse of Surgical Staplers tops this year's Health Technology Hazard List—[check out the other 9 hazards](#)

[Report](#) puts the cost of a 34 case *Candida auris* outbreak at over \$1 million

[Micro Case Study](#): An 18 year old with gastrointestinal bleeding

Studies show Flu Vaccine reduces [risk of hospitalization in children and death in Adults](#)

[6 Dos and Don'ts for Sterile Processing](#) in an Ambulatory Surgical Center

2 Articles about Controlling the Dispersal of CPE from contaminated sinks and drains: [Acetic Acid](#) & [Drain position and drainage](#)

Infection Control Guidance on [Seasonal Decorations](#) like Thanksgiving and Christmas

[Micro Case Study](#): A 35 year old female with post-op drainage

UK researchers detail new Strep A strain behind [the rise in Scarlet Fever](#)

[Have you Herd?](#) Share the FACTS about measles and vaccine safety with colleagues and patients

Severe Silicosis in Engineered Stone Fabrication Workers: [MMWR Report](#)

[C. difficile](#) is evolving into two separate species, with one highly adapted to spread in hospitals

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Connections

The October 2019 AORN Journal—Clinical Issues section, focuses on Preventing Perioperative Hypothermia with some practical info and tips. You can access it through the [Medical Library](#) - look for section 21 and 24 in the issue

If you are looking for an IPAC resource for Residential Hospice Settings [click here](#)

Public Health Ontario (PHO) has developed 4 new [IPAC Core Competency modules](#) on Personal Risk Assessment in the acute care, Long-term care, Community-Clinic and Community-Home setting.

The CDC has updated their [Emergency Water Supply Planning Guide for Hospitals](#) and developed a [Grab and Go Summary](#) for easy access and forms with fillable tools

PHO has updated 2 documents that may be of interest: [Frequently asked IPAC Lapse Questions regarding](#) -Reprocessing in the Community & [IPAC Management of suspect or confirmed cases of Viral Hemorrhagic Fever \(VHF\)](#)

On demand Diversey webinar: [A New Bug in Town - Candida auris](#)

[On demand Webinar](#): the IPC's role in Preventing SSIs: How to Develop Effective Partnerships with the Surgical Care Team

Upcoming Webber Teleclasses <http://www.webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php> *international, or check time

With our provincial subscription, if you miss the live Teleclass, you can always go back and watch at a later date.

Thursday Oct. 16th:* SELF-REPORTED BEHAVIOURS AND PERCEPTIONS OF AUSTRALIAN PARAMEDICS IN RELATION TO HAND HYGIENE AND GLOVING PRACTICES

Thursday Oct. 24th: INFECTION CONTROL ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE CONSTRUCTION: PART 2—NEW BUILDS (Andrew Streifel)

Thursday Nov. 7th: HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA THAT IS NOT VENTILATOR-ASSOCIATED: BIG PROBLEM, BUT GUIDELINE-FREE ZONE (Martin Kiernan)

Tuesday Nov. 12th:* **Free Class** – THE ROLE OF CLEANERS IN INFECTION PREVENTION-NEGLECTED FRONT LINE WORKERS IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (invite an EVS colleague to attend)

Thursday Nov. 14th: AHEAD—A CONSOLIDATED FRAMEWORK FOR BEHAVIOURAL INFECTIOUS RISKS IN ACUTE CARE

Thursday Nov. 21st: PRIORITIZING RESEARCH AREAS FOR ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS (The Ottawa Hospital)

Have you heard?

It's Infection Control Week! Test your knowledge about IPAC history with this [Short Quiz](#) [Answers here](#)

Syphilis rates are slowly rising in the province. Do you know what syphilis looks like at each stage. [Check it out here](#)

Answers to Questions You May Need in the Future:

Last year, a hospital identified 21 CLABSI's (Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections). Which type of chart would be most useful to provide feedback regarding the effectiveness of CLABSI reduction strategies?

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| A. Control chart | B. Pie chart |
| C. Run chart | D. Display of normal distribution and standard deviation |

[Answer found here](#)

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