News

July is: International Group B Strep Awareness Month
National Injury Prevention Day: July 5, 2021
International Self-Care Day: July 24, 2021
World Hepatitis Day: July 28, 2021

Upcoming Webber Teleclasses
With our provincial subscription, if you miss the live Teleclass you can always go back and watch it at a later date.
https://webbertraining.com/schedulelep1.php


Learning Opportunities

NACI Recommendations on COVID-19 Vaccine Interchangeability – Recording original presentation was June 21, 2021

Highlights from the World of Infection Control

- Researchers investigate Staphylococcal contamination on environmental surfaces of a NICU.
- Microbial contamination of PAPRs used by healthcare staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Erratum for “Did You Know? Minimizing fire risk when using alcohol-based skin antiseptics”.
- Finding a “New Normal” Post Pandemic.
- Helpful resource from CDC: SARS-CoV-2 Variant Classifications and Definitions.
- Can plant-based food give you food poisoning?
- A comparison of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) versus influenza during the pandemic: Can we distinguish COVID-19 from flu?
- WHO: Roadmap to defeat bacterial meningitis in the COVID-19 era.
- Social media for field epidemiologists (#SoMe4epis): How to use Twitter during the #COVID19 pandemic.
- How dirty is your QWERTY? Healthcare and computer keyboards.
- Researchers compare persistence of SARS-CoV-2 variants on stainless steel.
- With no flu season, next year’s vaccine prep is tricky.
- How COVID broke the evidence pipeline.
- NIH scientists find Salmonella use intestinal epithelial cells to colonize the gut.
- Public Health Ontario data synthesis: COVID-19 transmission through large respiratory droplets and aerosols (open in Google Chrome).
- Piles of ancient poop reveal ‘extinction event’ in human gut bacteria.
- Task force established in Saskatchewan to address increasing syphilis transmission.
- Why do we get shots in the arm? It’s all about the muscle.
- Tip of the iceberg: The true state of drinking water advisories in First Nations.
- Researchers investigate sink drains as a reservoir for Pseudomonas aeruginosa in the intensive care setting.
- Should hatred be considered a contagious disease? DISCLAIMER: This article is not IPAC related, but is a good reminder to reflect and be kind. Also, consider checking out the Don’t Call Me Resilient podcast series.
Guess the Hepatitis Viral Pathogen

1. Which type of hepatitis viral infection is spread by the fecal-oral route: ___________ and ___________
2. Which type of hepatitis viral infection can be prevented with needle exchange programs? ___________
3. Which type of hepatitis viral infection can be prevented by FDA-approved vaccines? ___________, ___________ and ___________
4. Which type of hepatitis viral infection is spread by the bodily fluids: ___________, ___________ and ___________
5. Which type of hepatitis viral infection can be prevented with proper sanitation programs? ___________
6. Which type of hepatitis viral infection do you need a hepatitis B co-infection with? ___________
7. Which type of hepatitis viral infection does not have a treatment? ___________
8. Which type of hepatitis viral infection can are healthcare workers more at risk with? ___________, ___________ and ___________
9. Which type of hepatitis viral infection can cause chronic and acute infections? ___________, ___________ and ___________
10. Which type of hepatitis viral infection does not have a vaccine? ___________
11. Which type of hepatitis viral infection cause the majority (90%) of acute hepatitis cases in Canada? ___________, ___________ and ___________
12. Which type of hepatitis viral infection is the most common in the world? ___________

For the answer, please visit our website here: https://saskpic.saskcan.ca/ipac-link-letter.php
Extra resources: Hepatitis Jeopardy: http://jeopardylabs.com/game/hepatitis-9


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- Demonstrating the capacity of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization for timely responses to post-market vaccine monitoring signals: Canada’s experience with the live-attenuated influenza vaccine

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Series
- The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT): Supporting evidence-informed decision-making in public health in Canada

If you have any interesting articles you would like to see in the IPAC Link Letter, please feel free to send them to Rhianna.Matschke-Neufeld@saskhealthauthority.ca or Fatima.Ahmad@saskhealthauthority.ca