Mark Your Calendars:

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 Chlorox info (new)
SASKPIC application and Policy

Highlights from the World of Infection Control:

Germs are everywhere: Stay healthy over the holidays by reviewing when and how you wash your hands

Preventing transmission of bloodborne viruses from infected HCWs to Patients: New Canadian Guidelines

Micro Cases Study: A 54 year old with vomiting and diarrhea followed by pneumonia

Disease of the Week: Scarlet Fever—check out the quiz

Food Safety Tips for the Holidays

Engineers create a toilet bowel coating so slippery that ‘human waste can’t stick to it’

Canadian Nurse: Nurses are critical in effective antimicrobial stewardship

Reducing unnecessary urine culturing & Antibiotic overprescribing in LTC: A before and after analysis

5 Steps to Fewer Surgical Site Infections

Test your Superbug IQ: 5 questions about antibiotic resistance from recent headlines

The Lancet (Infectious Diseases): Are booster doses of yellow fever vaccine needed?

Alberta Health Services: How to ensure mobile electronic devices are kept clean in health care settings

8 Crucial times to practice hand hygiene in the Community from the Royal Society for Public Health—Instagram graphic

“To Err is Human” revisited: Serious patient safety and quality issues remain 20 years later

Follow us on Twitter @PICNS1 for current and interesting stories from the world of Infection Prevention and Control. If you have question or a great resource to share and want to let others know about—contact us infectioncontrol@saskhealthauthority.ca
Connections

Public Health Ontario Talk (9 minutes): Antibiotics and the Zoo living in you (your microbiome)

CDC releases updated guidance: Infrastructure and Routine Practices for Occupational Infection Prevention & Control Services

Non-Ventilator Healthcare-Associated Pneumonia—APIC Practice Position Statement: Are you aware of the importance of pneumonia prevention and its relationship to oral hygiene? The Nov 7th Webber Teleclass by Martin Kiernan is a great educational tool for this topic. Ask your local Infection Control Professional about how to access it.

Public Health Ontario has updated their LTC Urinary Tract Infection Program. It has great educational tools, communication materials and Fact Sheets to help reduce harm to residents and decrease the risk of antimicrobial resistance. Here’s a 2 minute video with an overview

Infection Control Risk Assessments (ICRA) are essential to protect and reduce the risk of infection during the design, construction and renovation of all health care facilities. Find out more about ICRA here

Here’s a Link to 5 education videos on superbugs, hand hygiene, home from the hospital ++ from Health Services Ireland

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.

Wednesday Dec 18th: Free Class - CLEANING IN HEALTHCARE

Friday January 17th: Free Class—The 2019 WHO GLOBAL SURVEY

Friday January 31st: BARRIERS AND FACILITATORS TO C. DIFFICILE INFECTION PREVENTION —A NURSING PERSPECTIVE

Wednesday February 5th:* ISSUES IN ANTIFUNGAL STEWARDSHIP: AN OPPORTUNITY THAT SHOULD NOT BE LOST

Friday February 7th: Free Class—THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION CONTROL STRATEGIES IN HIGH HIV/TB SETTINGS

Thursday February 13th: THE INTRODUCTION OF RISK-BASED ASSESSMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ESBL PATIENTS IN ACUTE CARE

Have you heard?

... about foldscopes? It will help make microscopes as ubiquitous as pencils. Bring the gift of microscopy to family & friends

... the emergence of Canine Parvovirus, a highly infectious virus that kills thousands of dogs a year —dog lovers will want to check out this Microbe Talk Podcast

... the IPAC Canada Position Statement on “Essential Oils in Healthcare Settings”. Use of these popular remedies is increasing

Answers to Questions You May Need in the Future:

Immunoglobulins are available for which of the following?


A. 1, 2, 3 
B. 2, 3, 4 
C. 1, 3, 4 
D. 1, 2, 4

Answer found here

If you have a question or event/project you’d like to share send it to:

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