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

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**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

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

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

Answer found here

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

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