

IPAC British Columbia (IPAC-BC)

**IPAC Canada  
3M Chapter Achievement award  
2016**

# IPAC-BC serves all of BC and covers 7 Health Organisations-

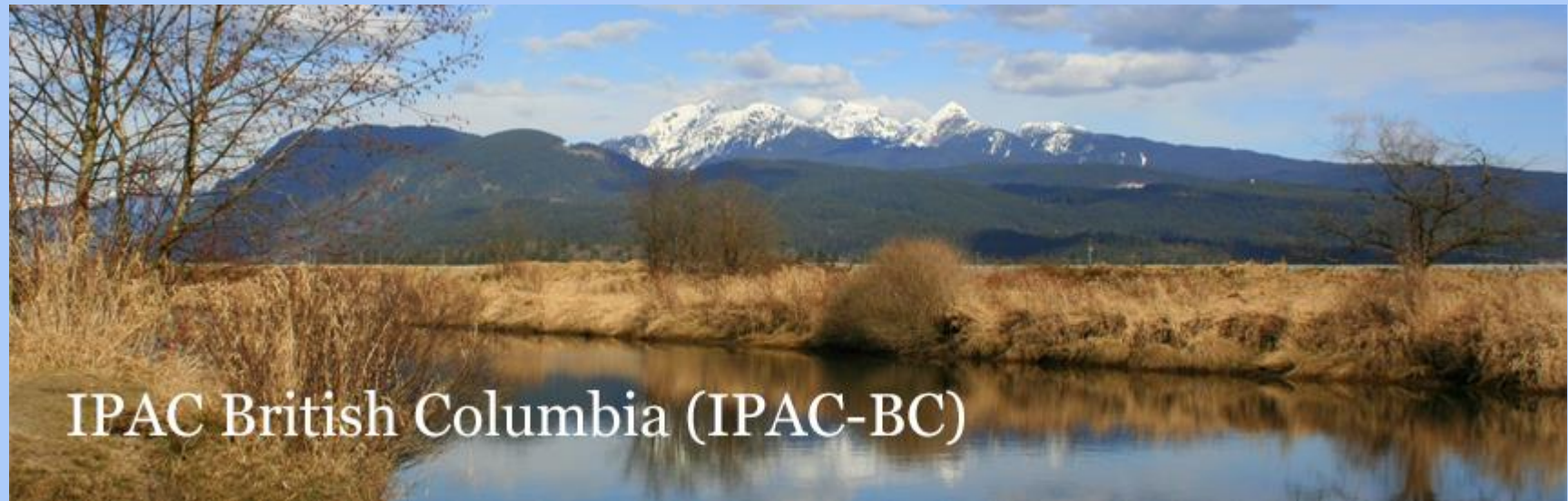
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- Northern Health
- Island Health
- First Health Authorities



Some  
beautiful  
scenes of  
BC!



We started 2016 with a new logo- a picture of Golden Ears Provincial park , taken by our Executive member Ron Morley.



# Membership

In 2016, our membership has **increased** to 201 chapter members!



We have a wide variety of IPAC members- representation,

- Acute and Residential care,
- Community Mental Health and Substance misuse programs,
- Epidemiology,
- IPAC industries and Medical Microbiology.



# IPAC-BC members in the spotlight



# CIC Chapter Achievement Award winners 2016

Our 2015 CIC certificatiants who helped us win the CIC Chapter Achievement award..

- Sandra Dunford
- Elizabeth Gulyas
- Stuart Grey
- Amira Imamovic-Buljubasic
- Adriana Mendes
- Marlene Montgomery
- Angeli Mitra
- Dr. Taghi Naserppour Farivar
- Lauren Kim
- Mary McNaughton (recertification)
- Benjamin Shaw
- Sarah Wells
- Valerie Wood



*Thank you!*




IPAC-BC President 2016, accepting the award on behalf of the Chapter members.

# IPAC-BC is featured on the CBIC website




**What does being a CIC<sup>®</sup> mean to you?**

"CIC<sup>®</sup> means I am knowledgeable about infection prevention and control. If I don't know something, I utilize the appropriate resources to obtain the correct information. And I don't try to answer questions without the correct information. CIC<sup>®</sup> means I am committed to my role as an Infection Preventionist and continue to gain knowledge and skills in sharing this expertise with others. I am willing to take a risk and try new ways of providing education to others about infection prevention best practices across the continuum of care. And I am motivated to write the certification exam every 5 years in order to keep my CIC<sup>®</sup> certification. CIC<sup>®</sup> means I am passionate and believe in the work I am doing. I believe implementing appropriate infection prevention best practices does improve patient/resident/client outcomes. I believe infection prevention best practices need to be taught to everyone involved in healthcare – infection prevention and control is everybody's business."



**Nicki Gill, CIC**  
Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada  
Interior Health  
Infection Prevention & Control Program Educator



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## IPAC British Columbia Chapter

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- IPAC Ottawa Region Chapter
- IPAC British Columbia Chapter
- IPAC Eastern Ontario Chapter
- APIC Greater Jackson Chapter

**Behind the Scenes with CBIC**

The IPAC BC CIC<sup>®</sup> Support Group was founded in June 2014 by Janie Nichols and volunteers from the IPAC BC membership. Instrumental in this group is Nicki Gill who shared her knowledge and experience of supporting members from her region in becoming certified in infection prevention and control (CIC<sup>®</sup>).

The support group identified CIC<sup>®</sup> mentors from within the IPAC BC membership and developed PowerPoint presentations highlighting key themes and related practice questions for each chapter of the APIC study guide. Presentations were offered by Lync/ skype meetings. These sessions offered an opportunity for IPAC BC members preparing for CIC<sup>®</sup> from across our large and diverse region to come together in discussion and to share resources.

Resources and materials developed are placed on the IPAC BC [websites](#) and have been shared with other IPAC Canada Chapters.

Kelsi Laporte became the IPAC BC CIC<sup>®</sup> support group lead in 2015, recruiting even more experienced CIC<sup>®</sup> support team members. Kelsi polled the IPAC BC members to ascertain what barriers our members face to becoming certified and to ask what IPAC BC could offer to support them through this process. IPAC BC continues to work towards innovative solutions to help promote this certification among its membership.

IPAC BC won the CIC<sup>®</sup> Chapter Achievement Award in 2016, this is awarded annually to the IPAC Canada chapter with the largest increase of eligible members who are newly certified. In 2015, there were 12 members who became CICs! [Click here](#) or on the image below to visit the IPAC British Columbia Chapter website.





IPAC Canada

'Champions of Infection Prevention and Control' Award winner  
2016!



Jacquie  
Hlagi

Lisa Young- IPAC-BC Past President 2016, received an award from the BC Patient Safety Quality Council for the 'Everyday champion award'.

- This award captures the passion and commitment Lisa demonstrates for improving quality of care, focusing on improving hand hygiene amongst the BC EHS staff



# IPAC-Canada Director



- Tara Donovan, former member of the IPAC-BC executive became an IPAC Canada Director.

## ARNBC Nurse Educator Award

Joanne Archer, PICNet's Education and Practice Coordinator, is the recipient of the Excellence in Nursing Education Award for 2016 from the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (ARNBC). You can view all of the 2016 Nursing Awards of Excellence recipients on the [ARNBC website](#). And please join us in congratulating Joanne!



Joanne Archer receiving  
her award from the  
Associate Deputy  
Minister of Health,  
Lynn Stevenson

# Danielle Richards and team at St Paul's won the IPAC poster presentation award



## Improving patient hand hygiene: Staff engagement and barriers to the implementation of patient hand wipes before meals

Danielle Richards<sup>1</sup>, Elisa Lloyd-Smith<sup>2</sup>, Elise Roaf<sup>3</sup>, Michelle Hatanaka<sup>1</sup>, Victor Leung<sup>1,4,5,6</sup>, Christopher Lowe<sup>1,4,5</sup>

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Poster Board No. 38

### Introduction

- Hand hygiene is a key component in preventing hospital transmission of antibiotic resistant organisms (AROs).
- Improvement efforts on hand hygiene have focused primarily on health care workers (HCWs), with few resources dedicated to patients' hands and patient hand hygiene (PHH).

### Context

- Many patients, for reasons of immobility or incapacity, are often incapable of performing hand hygiene independently, or are unable to access hand hygiene facilities (Alcohol Based Hand Rub (ABHR) or soap and water).
- Patients rely on HCWs to encourage and assist with hand hygiene, though their perceptions and attitudes of PHH are unclear.
- In the context of higher ARO rates on a medical unit, patient hand wipes were introduced before meals to mitigate transmission by potentially contaminated hands.

### Project

- A four week (June 2015) distribution trial of patient hand wipes before meals was conducted on a medical inpatient ward at an urban, academic hospital in Vancouver, Canada.
- Staff perception regarding PHH was assessed with pre and post implementation surveys (May and July 2015).
- Survey analysis was restricted to nurses (RN, LPN, PN, SN) who provided direct patient care. Respondents could select multiple answers on the survey.
- Staff education was provided via a 'one-pager' and posters (Figure 1) were placed in patient rooms to act both as a descriptor and as a visual reminder for patients before meals.



Figure 1. Patient Hand Hygiene Education Poster and Reminder

### Results

- Surveys assessed the current levels of PHH engagement, feasibility, time considerations and the perceived barriers and concerns of a patient hand wipe intervention (Table 1).
- Thirty-five pre-survey results revealed that 80% of nurses felt that they 'Almost Never', 'Never' or 'Don't know' if they have had the opportunity to help patients clean their hands before meals.
- Staff compliance over the month was observed at 93%, and 77% thought it was easy to incorporate into their practice post trial.

Survey Theme	%	Response
Nurse Perceptions	80%	• would like to provide wipes to patients before eating
	80%	• Not eager to assist help decrease PHH transmission
	80%	• believe it would improve patient engagement
	76%	• believe it would create quality and increase in time
	75%	• do to use the patient wipe before meals
	65%	• believe patient would improve patient hygiene
Timing & Time and Mater	80%	• the effectiveness of patient wipe
	77%	• not if wanting to incorporate into practice
	65%	• offer patients soap and water for hand hygiene
Barriers	65%	• using other educational tool or media
	61%	• using patient wipe would take time away from
	56%	• considered as primary challenge in their
	54%	• finding as primary challenge in their
	50%	• considered as primary challenge in their
	46%	• finding as primary challenge in their
	46%	• using wipe distribution with long wait

Table 1. Pre-During Post Survey Results

### Lessons Learned

- PHH is an important component of a health care experience. It is rarely a priority for HCWs due to competing clinical demands.
- Despite the nursing staff's perceived benefits of PHH before the study, engagement with this initiative & change in perception when focus transitioned to constraints to improve patient care through PHH improvements.
- Given that patients are dependent on HCWs, we need an unmet potential for a culture shift, such as patient hand wipes, as a complete facilities' multistep hand hygiene campaign.



- <http://globalnews.ca/news/3080981/st-pauls-hospital-program-aims-to-cut-c-section-infections/>



The IPAC team at Providence Health IPAC were featured in the news!

.. and also won a BC quality award for their work!

- Getting Better award.. For Automatic Texting and Email for Post-discharge follow-up



# IPAC-BC Education Awards 2017

IPAC-BC offer several funding  
for Chapter members!



# CIC IPAC-BC Members award

- This was the first year that IPAC-BC have offered a CIC award to our members!



Financial assistance was given to 5 members-

- Adriana Ezalyk
- Kai Wai Leung
- Swas Narayan
- Stuart Grey
- Elizabeth Gulyas

# IPAC-BC General Scholarships

IPAC-BC provides scholarships to active members of IPAC-BC to support attendance at conferences.

This year the winners were:



# IPAC-BC Moira Walker

## Scholarships

- In honour of the memory of Moira Walker, a colleague, friend and Infection Control champion.
- This award is given to a nominated IPAC-BC member for their outstanding achievement and contribution to IPAC-BC and IPAC-Canada.

- This was awarded to:



Sponsored by:



IPAC-BC has a strong educational component during the Chapter meetings

<b>April</b>	Steris Canada
<b>June</b>	Nanosonics- 'High Level Disinfection for ultrasound probes'
	Guest Speaker- Jacquie Hlagi on receiving the IPAC Champion's Award 2016
<b>September</b>	Guest Speakers- Joanne Archer, regarding her experiences on the IPAC Scientific Committee and encouraging members to volunteer for IPAC committees
	Eleanor Easton, discussion regarding her presentation experiences at PICNet and sharing her PowerPoint with the group.
<b>November</b>	Handy Metrics- 'Hand Hygiene Auditing Engagement: form Engagement to Efficiency'
	Guest Speaker- Barley Chironda regarding IPAC utilizing social media- 'Social media- a vital tool for Infection prevention'

Meetings were held in a centralised venue and utilised Skype meetings, for those that could not attend in person.

# IPAC-BC Webpages



## IPAC British Columbia (IPAC BC)

Welcome to IPAC BC: A chapter of IPAC Canada since 1987!

### Our Chapter

Our Chapter has 195 members and covers all of British Columbia including Vancouver island. Of the IPAC BC members there is Infection Prevention and Control representation from all 6 health authorities including Providence Health Care, Industry Representation, the Good Samaritan Society, and Yale town House Society. There is representation from Acute Care, Residential Care and Mental Health and Substance Use programs. There is representation from Epidemiology, Medical Microbiologists and Health Canada - First Nations & Inuit Health. Our chapter was known as BCPIC until 2005 when we changed to CHICA BC, then to IPAC BC in 2014.

The goal of the chapter is to enhance the quality of health care by providing a forum for education

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# IPAC-BC started a support group in 2014 to support members obtaining their CIC

## IPAC-BC 2016 Support Group-

- Bonnie Duncan
  - Nicki Gill
- Kelsi Laporte (lead) 
- Janie Nichols
  - Bal Sidhu
- Sarah Wells

# Throughout the year the CIC support group provided education to the membership

Month	Topic	Presenter	# Attendees
Jan	Environment of Care	Sarah Wells	10
Feb	Education and Research	Kelsi Laporte	9
Mar	Cleaning, Disinfection, Asepsis and Sterilization	Nicki Gill	4
Sept	Identification of Infectious Disease Processes (micro)	Nicki Gill	7
Oct	Surveillance and epidemiology	David Puddicomb & Kelsi Laporte	25
Oct	Preventing and Controlling Transmission of Infectious Agents	Kelsi Laporte	10
Nov	Employee and Occupational Health	Nicki Gill	22
Nov	Management and Communication	Kelsi Laporte	16
Nov	Education and Research	Kelsi Laporte	10
Dec	Environment of Care	Sarah Wells	
Dec	Cleaning, Disinfection, Asepsis and Sterilization	Sarah Wells	10

We have increased our CIC education, utilising expertise within our chapter

# 2016 CIC Certficants !



- Kelsey Breault,
  - Gail Busto,
  - Paul Chisholm,
- Debbie Cosgrove-Swan,
  - Janice de Heer,
  - Robyn Hunter
- Fuad Ibrahimov
- Kai Wai Leung,
  - Barbara Long,
  - Sandra Paton,
- Craig Pienkowski
- Coleen Reiswig.





# Education Day

- This was our biggest education day yet!
- There were 90 attendees and over 20 vendors!
- We raised over \$3,000.00 for IPAC-BC.



For more information, please contact:

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Education Day held at  
Century-Plaza Hotel & Spa  
1015 Burrard Street  
Vancouver, B.C.  
604-687-0575  
Toll Free 1-800-663-1818

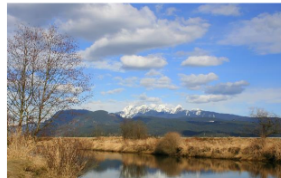
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IPAC-BC is a local chapter of The Infection Prevention and Control Association of Canada (IPAC - CANADA) formerly CHICA - Canada


**IPAC-BC**  
Education Day  
November 4, 2016



**More than  
just  
Infections**

*SAVE THE DATE!*


Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016



**IPAC BC  
EDUCATION DAY  
2016**

Century-Plaza Hotel & Spa  
1015 Burrard Street  
Vancouver, B.C.  
604-687-0575  
Toll Free 1-800-663-1818

<http://www.reservations.com/hotel/century-plaza-hotel-and-spa?gclid=COvdulX9wMsCFUvhfgodNQYHjg>



IPAC-BC  
Education Day  
2017

Our wonderful Chapter members!



Our  
wonderful  
fundraisers!





Door prizes







2016 Education  
Committee  
members



Ron Morley,  
IPAC-BC  
photographer



Tara Donovan  
Debora Giese  
Nicki Gill  
Jacquie Hlagi (Chair)  
Kelsi Laporte  
Mary McNaughton  
Lanch Sayers  
Bal Sidhu



# 2016 Education Day Presentations

1. IPAC and EVS Together for Patient Safety - Jim Gauthier
2. Ebola: An ethical approach - Bruce Gamage
3. Hand Hygiene: Not Just for Health Care Workers Anymore! - Dr. Joceyln Srigley
4. The BC Biocontainment Treatment Unit at SMH: Past, Present and Future - Pam Dawson & Sandeep Baddan
5. UTI's: The Myths and Treatment - Dr. Jennifer Grant



Our presenters



# IPAC activities across the province





Interior  
Health



Joanne Tench leading a  
Donning and Doffing practice  
at a Skills day

Nov 2016



Vancouver  
Coastal

Vancouver Coastal  
Health's pilot project of  
training a dog (Angus, the  
springer spaniel) to  
detect environmental *C.*  
*Difficile*.

Dodger is also  
undergoing training to  
detect *C. Difficile* in  
the environment! He  
made friends with  
several members of  
the Infection Control  
team at Vancouver  
General



IPAC  
week  
fun!



Dr Watson is teaching staff about CPO



Sherlock Holmes is inspecting his brother Mylars hand after he performed hand hygiene!

Vancouver  
Island  
IPC  
Week  
2017

Island Health making IPAC fun!

# Island Health

during training of donning/donning for  
Extraordinary precautions





**Fraser  
Health  
IPAC week**







# Providence Health



Thank you your consideration from the  
IPAC Chapter Members and the IPAC-BC  
Executive 2016

Janie Nichols- President  
Bal Sidhu- President Elect  
Lisa Young- Past President  
Ron Morley- Recording Secretary  
Kelsi Laporte –Membership director/webmaster  
Sarah Ormond- Treasurer

