

IPAC British Columbia (IPAC-BC)

IPAC Canada
CIC Chapter Achievement Award
Submission

March 2017

IPAC BC

- A chapter of IPAC Canada since 1987
- 202 members from across the province of BC including:
 - Six health authorities & Providence Health Care
 - The Good Samaritan & Yaletown House Society
 - The College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC
 - Representation from Whitehorse, YK
 - Industry representation
- 137 members eligible for CIC certification
- ★ 4 newly certified members in 2016
- ★ 7 recertified members in 2016

IPAC BC CIC Support Group

- Founded in 2014
- Six IPAC BC members with representation from across the province
- Our Objectives:
 - To provide assistance and support to chapter members to access up to date information on the CIC exam
 - To provide a variety of resources and education material to be used for local support groups



CIC Support: What do we do?

- Meet by teleconference to discuss support strategies
- Offer mentorship to members preparing for initial certification
- Facilitate access to resources
- Connect members preparing for the exam
- CIC prep sessions by webinar and teleconference
- Promote CIC certification



Mentorship

- CIC Support Group member contact information posted to IPAC BC webpage
- IPAC BC members preparing for their exam are encouraged to reach out for support as needed

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CIC Information

IPAC BC supports its members in becoming CIC certified.

We would like to offer you support by providing contact details for IPAC BC members, who are willing to support you in becoming certified. There are members in most areas, and if you would like to become CIC-certified, or become a support contact, please feel free to contact members.

CIC resource materials may be found in our [Members area](#).

IPAC BC Members Available for CIC Support:

- Kelsi Laporte - email: Kelsi.Laporte@vch.ca
- Nicki Gill - email: Nicki.Gill@interiorhealth.ca
- Bal Sidhu - email: Baljinder.Sidhu@phsa.ca
- Janie Nichols - email: Janie.Nichols@fraserhealth.ca
- Bonnie Duncan - email: Bonnie.Duncan@viha.ca
- Kelsey Breault - email: Kelsey.Breault@northernhealth.ca



Access to Resources

- Compile up to date resources and post to the IPAC BC webpage
- New resources added to the library are highlighted and discussed at IPAC BC meetings

CIC Resources (CIC Support Group)

- [CIC Candidate Handbook](#)
- [CIC Marketing Toolkit](#)
- [CIC Exam Content Outline](#)
- [A sample study schedule \(APIC CIC Chat\)](#)
- [Reference List](#)
- [Helpful links & tips](#)
- [Webinar: How to prepare for the CIC Exam](#)
- [CBIC Power Point: Understanding the CIC Credential](#)
- [AJIC: 2014 CBIC Practice Analysis](#)
- Notes: CIC Study Guide 2014
 - [Identification of Infectious Disease Processes](#)
 - [Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation](#)
 - [Preventing/Controlling The Transmission of Infectious Agents](#)
 - [Employee/Occupational Health](#)
 - [Management and Communication](#)
 - [Education & Research](#)

• IPAC BC CIC Prep Sessions 2016

- [Identification of Infectious Diseases Processes](#)
- [Surveillance & Epidemiology](#)
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- [Environment of Care](#)
- [Cleaning, Disinfection, Sterilization, Asepsis](#)

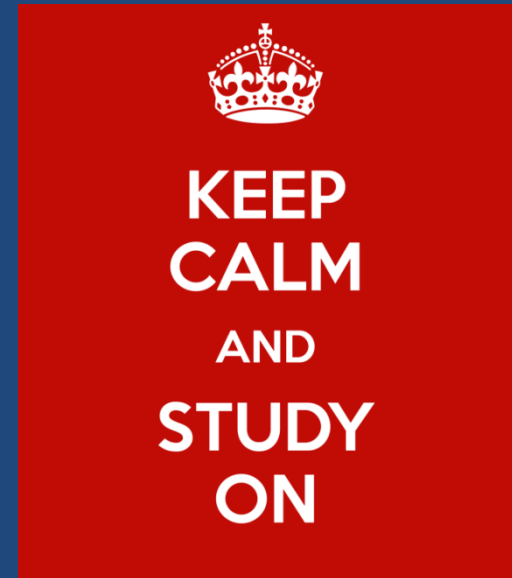
• IPAC BC CIC Prep Sessions 2015

- [Identification of Infectious Diseases Processes](#)
- [Preventing/Controlling The Transmission of Infectious Agents](#)
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CIC Prep Sessions

- We hosted 11 study sessions by teleconference in 2016
- Sessions focus on identifying themes, study tips and going through practice questions together as a group with experienced ICP CIC's and epidemiologists.
- We aim to:
 - Introduce content
 - Stimulate discussion
 - Connect members who are preparing for the exam across a geographically diverse region
- Slide decks that cover one exam module are prepared for each session and posted to our webpage.
- Interesting clarifications and understandings that come from participant discussion are added to the notes section of the PowerPoint and reflected on the webpage for those unable to attend.



CIC Prep Sessions

- Our study sessions serve as a great means to refresh knowledge and engage in discussion about IPAC issues with fellow chapter members.
- We found members who have already written or who do not have immediate intention to write were attending. We continue to promote the sessions to all of our members.
- However, we wanted to better accommodate those actively preparing to write.
- In 2016 we launched the IPAC BC CIC fall study series:
 - Identified which of our 202 members were keen to write and shared emails & locations within so they could reach out to one another as they prepare.
 - Scheduled all 8 study sessions in the Fall (Sept – Dec) to better match realistic study timelines
 - Doodle polls to accommodate the schedules of our study group members, then once scheduled opened the sessions up to the whole membership for wider participation
 - Fall scheduling to promote writing earlier in the calendar year (Jan – Apr) to make the most of five year CIC term.



Date	Session	Presenter	# attendees
Jan-16	Environment of Care	Sarah Wells	10
Feb-16	Education and Research	Kelsi Laporte	9
Mar-16	Cleaning, Disinfection, Asepsis and Sterilization	Nicki Gill	4
Sep-16	Identification of Infectious Disease Processes	Nicki Gill	7
Oct-16	Surveillance and Epidemiology	David Puddicomb & Kelsi Laporte	25
Oct-16	Preventing and Controlling Transmission of Infectious Agents	Kelsi Laporte	10
Nov-16	Employee and Occupational Health	Nicki Gill	22
Nov-16	Management and Communication	Kelsi Laporte	16
Nov-16	Education and Research	Kelsi Laporte	10
Dec-16	Environment of Care	Sarah Wells	15
Dec-16	Cleaning, Disinfection, Asepsis and Sterilization	Sarah Wells	10





In November 2015 we surveyed the IPAC BC membership about the CIC

- We learned we were on the right track with how to support our members to prepare and looked to enhance these efforts with better targeting and scheduling of study sessions in 2016
- We also identified important financial barriers to becoming certified in BC. In 2016, we brought the issue to the provincial IPAC Directors meeting, engaged in chapter discussion about the BC nurses union qualification differentials, and advocated for financial support for CIC.

Having won the CIC Chapter Achievement award in 2016, we were able to offer CIC support funding for the first time to our members!

We focused our financial support on those newly certified members who were not supported by their employers to write, evenly distributing our \$750 award among 5 qualifying members.

We advocated with IPAC BC membership & executive to earmark funds for 2017 to allow for ongoing financial support. We are currently working on developing an application process recognizing the lack of local financial support and large degree of interest among our members.





Thank-you for your consideration and
congratulations to all of our 2016 CIC's!

New Certifications

Kelsey Breault
Paul Chisolm
Kai Wai Leung
Sandra Paton

Recertification's

Gail Busto
Debbie Cosgrove-Swan
Janice De Heer
Robyn Hunter
Faud Ibrahimov
Craig Pienkowski
Coleen Reiswig

