



Central South Ontario

**3M Chapter Achievement Award Submission
Year 2023**

Prepared by IPAC CSO Executive Members

IPAC CSO

IPAC CSO is one of the largest chapters in Ontario and currently has over 170 members representing the Golden Horseshoe area of Southern Ontario.

Members are involved in the following fields of practice: Acute care, Long-term care, Public health, Pharmacy, Mental Health and Industry



IPAC CSO EXECUTIVES 2023



Central South Ontario

President: Bois Marufov MD MSc CIC

President Elect: Mary Ellen Konrad BA MLT CIC

Past President: Tricia Hutton RN CIC

Treasurer: Connie Gittens-Webber BSc MLT ART CIC

Secretary: Manish Patel MSc CIC

**Chapter Webmaster: Marissa Perrella BAsC, CIC,
CPHI(C)**

Education Committee Chair: Branden DaSilva MLT CIC

**Education Committee Co-Chair: Justyna Graves RPN
CIC**

OUR PHILOSOPHY



The focus of IPAC CSO is the exchange of information and the education on infection prevention and control issues along with educational development of our membership. As a chapter, we endorse the philosophy of the parent body IPAC Canada working together for the prevention of infection in all sectors of health care.

OUR HISTORY



IPAC CSO began with a small group of Infection control Practitioners in Hamilton, Ontario in 1971. In 1974 the group expanded its borders to include surrounding areas. HANDIC became a chapter of CHICA Canada in 1980, and in 2006 the chapter name was changed to CHICA-HANDIC. In 2014 the name was again changed, to IPAC CSO.

IPAC CSO OBJECTIVES



- **Membership engagement: we are increasing our focus on increasing membership engagement and retention by creating a new “Membership Director” executive position. This position will also engage members from broader sectors (e.g. Environmental services partners, dental setting, etc.)**
- **Knowledge transfer: provide educational resource/content through IPAC 101 course provided in November 2023, Virtual Clinical Rounds offered to all provincial chapters, annual Education day, research and publications etc.**
- **Increase social media presence**
- **Provide funding to support IPAC initiatives: IPAC week funding for healthcare settings, CIC exam funding support for successful candidate, conference and education funding for active members.**
- **Organizing social events: 40th Anniversary Riverboat Cruise Summer of 2023 and IPAC Murder Mystery Holiday**
- **Community involvement including a holiday donation to support a local charity: Six Nations Community Food Bank**

IPAC CSO- MEMBERSHIP

Membership: Currently 171 members

New CSO members - 4

New CIC certified members - 12

New CIC-LTC certified members - 3

New A-IPC certified members - 3

Members that completed CIC recertification - 4

IPAC CSO MEETINGS

IPAC CSO maintained engagement, provided educational content and facilitated knowledge sharing both in person and virtually by Google Teams and Zoom

- Hosted 7 meetings/gatherings
 - Over 450 participants
- **February 17th 2023 Sarah Khan presented on “IPAC Scenarios”**
- **April 13th 2023 Hospital ICP Clinical Round on TB as our education session presented by Kevin Stinson**
- **June 16th outdoor summer meeting and picnic**

IPAC CSO MEETINGS

- June 22nd, 2023: “Candida auris outbreak in an Ontario ICU” Education session presented by Branden Da Silva
- September 6, 2023: Grand River 40th anniversary celebration cruise and luncheon with speaker Barley Chirona on staff engagement strategies and tools. Great entertainment with water skiing and boaters as well 😊
- September 28, 2023: “VRE Bacteremia and Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection” clinical rounds presented by Patricia Beckett
- November 17th: CJIC abstract submission presentation by Jim Ayukekbong
- December 10th 2023: IPAC CSO Murder Mystery Holiday Dinner and Theatre at The Innsville Stoney Creek

IPAC CSO EDUCATION FUNDING

IPAC CSO provided Financial support to the membership in 2022-2023

- 10 members were funded for Conference attendance (IPAC Canada and APIC)
- 5 Acute Care & 1 LTC Health Care facilities were awarded IPAC Week funding support to support their IPAC week activities
- 1 member was awarded funding for SARE recertification



IPAC 101 Education Session

- **IPAC CSO ran an in-person IPAC 101 workshop targeted towards ICPS with 0-3 years of experience**
- **There were 31 people in attendance**
- **The event sold out quickly, many more were interested but unable to attend so IPAC CSO is looking to host further sessions in the future with plans of introducing an IPAC 102 series as well.**



IPAC 101 WORKSHOP

IPAC 101 EDUCATION SESSION

NOVEMBER 8, 2023



Time: 0800 - 1600h



Location:

St. Joseph's Villa, Training Room, Main Floor
58 Governor's Road, Dundas, ON L9H 5G7



Target Audience:

New ICPs with 0-3 years of experience



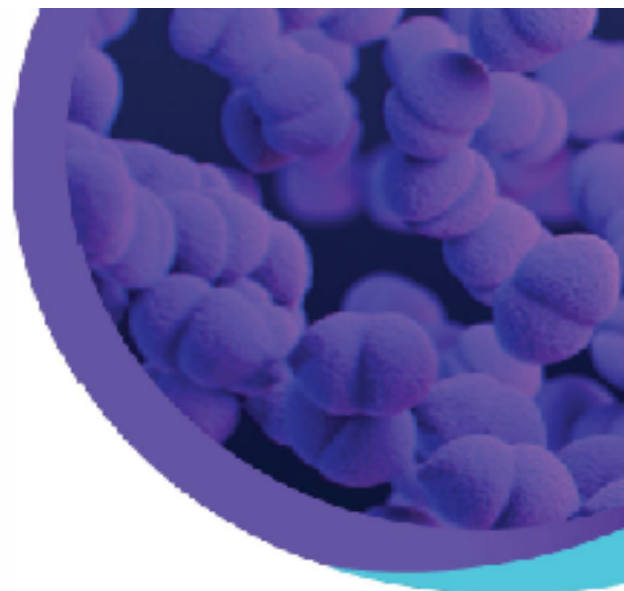
Fee:

\$50 for CSD members

\$80 for Non-members

[Click here for the Eventbrite link](#)

**Lunch, refreshments and snacks provided by Blueberry*



Presenters



Anne Bielachowski
RN BN MS CIC



Trish Hutton
RN CIC



Brandon Da Silva
MLT CIC



Boris Marufar
MD MSc CIC



Tanya Denitch
MSc BSc CIC



Marissa Parnella
BAsc CIC CPHTCJ



Connie Gibbons Webber
BSc MLT ART CIC

Agenda

8:00-9:00 Microbiology - Connie Gibbons Webber

9:00-10:00 Hand Hygiene Program - Marissa Parnella

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:15 Surveillance - Boris Marufar

11:15-12:15 Environmental Cleaning - Tanya Denitch

12:15-12:45 Lunch

12:45-13:45 Routine/Additional Practices - Brandon Da Silva

13:45-14:45 Reprocessing - Anne Bielachowski

14:45-15:00 Break

15:00-16:00 Construction and Renovation - Trish Hutton

Virtual IPAC Clinical Rounds Series

- **The goal is to provide IPAC-led education on a range of clinical topics for both novice and experienced ICPs in any sector.**
- **The first session on “VRE Bacteremia and Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection” took place on September 28th, 2023.**
- **We extended the invitation to all IPAC Canada Chapters Ontario-wide. We had over 100 in attendance with representation from every Chapter in the Province**
- **Next session on “COVID-19 Pandemic in a Deployed Setting” presented by LCdr (Ret’d) Jeffrey Lee**
- **Clinical Rounds workshop being planned for 2025 IPAC Canada pre-conference day**

IPAC WEEK ACTIVITIES



Halton Healthcare



Trillium Health Partners



Halton IPAC HUB



Niagara Region's first IPAC Awareness week
In their 8 LTC homes



EDGEWATER GARDENS



St. Joseph's Healthcare

IPAC CSO 40th Anniversary

- IPAC CSO celebrated it's 40th year anniversary on a Grand River Cruise
- 45 Members in attendance
- Gerry Hansen spoke on the history of IPAC CSO
- Barley Chironda gave a speech on increasing staff engagement



IPAC CSO 40th Anniversary



Community Involvement

- **\$500 donation to Six Nations Community Food Bank**
- **162 IPAC CSO members belong to the IPAC Canada interest groups**
- **4 members preside as Chair and Co-Chair on the Cardiac, Reprocessing and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Interest groups**
- **LTC interest group members working on providing ARO recommendations to LTCHs**

Research and Publications

Ecolab poster contest winner: Laura Matthews from Niagara Region Public Health



- **CANDIDA AURIS OUTBREAK ON AN ONTARIO INTENSIVE CARE UNIT** Samar Tahhan and Branden Da Silva (CSO members) along with other non CSO member
- Dina Badawy with Samar Tahhan (CSO members) along with non CSO members published in the **CJIC Fall 2023 edition. Pg 115 "Clusters of Klebsiella pneumoniae carbapenemase with potential link to hand hygiene sink drains in an intensive care unit."**

Dr. Kevin Stinson (Lead author) Poster at 2023 AMMI Canada conference on persistent COVID-19 infection in a immunocompromised patient

Holiday Party

- **Murder mystery dinner at the Innsville**
- **Chapter President Bois Marufov was the only person in attendance to correctly identify the murderer**



THANK YOU

We are committed to innovating and raising the bar on how the chapter engages it's members and the community. We were the first Chapter in the province to incorporate a virtual platform when the pandemic began and helped other Chapters in the province follow suit.