



## ***Infection Control – It’s Simple!***

“Infection Control – It’s Simple!” is CHICA’s theme for this year’s Infection Control Week. Infection Prevention and Control programs have been widely recognized to be both clinically effective and cost-effective in preventing and controlling the spread of infections in health care settings. However, ultimately the most effective way to prevent the transmission of infection is through hand hygiene and effective environmental cleaning.

Washing your hands is an ordinary procedure and does not take a lot of time and effort or thought. You can use soap and water or alcohol based sanitizers.. It takes only 20-30 seconds of your time to wash your hands.....

### **Now that’s simple!**

Infection Control Week will provide Infection Prevention and Control Professionals within healthcare facilities and community settings the opportunity to promote the “Infection Control – It’s Simple!” theme. Infection Prevention and Control Professionals will be providing multi-modal education and collaborating with other organizations in order to deliver the message that infection prevention and control can be very simple.

Keep in mind that Infection Control Week is just the beginning. This invaluable lesson is one that must continue to be taught so that infections can be prevented.

CHICA–Canada is a national, multi-disciplinary, voluntary association of Infection Prevention and Control Professionals (ICPs) with 21 chapters across the country dedicated to the health of Canadians by promoting excellence in the practice of infection prevention and control. Visit CHICA-Canada’s web site ([www.chica.org](http://www.chica.org)) for infection prevention and control information.

## ***Join your colleagues around the world in commemorating IIPW***

APIC is honored to collaborate with our international partner associations for International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW). IFIC was the first international partner of IIPW and APIC appreciates their critical work in addressing global infection prevention issues. IIPW is now recognized on a global scale, illustrating the significance of infection prevention among healthcare professionals and patients around the world. We look forward to continued future collaborations with our international partners. Together, we can eliminate infections and keep patients safe in any healthcare setting. We are confident that the collective work of partner associations, government officials, and healthcare professionals is helping to spread the word that infection prevention is everyone’s business.

### **Participate in the IIPW Kick-Off Event via Webcast Thursday, October 14, 2010 - 1 pm EDT**

IFIC members are invited to join APIC and other organizations around the world in commemorating International Infection Prevention Week October 17-23, 2010. The week will begin with an annual kick-off event at the National Press Club in Washington, DC on Thursday, October 14 at 1 pm EDT that may be viewed way of live webcast. This year’s line up of speakers presents various perspectives on the importance of making infection prevention everyone’s business. Renowned infection prevention experts explore the clinical side of infection prevention, while former patients who contracted healthcare-associated infections during the course of their treatment share moving, first-hand accounts of their experiences.

If you cannot participate in the live webcast, it will be archived and available for viewing following the event. Access to both the live and archived webcast will be available at the following link: [www.visualwebcaster.com/IIPW2010](http://www.visualwebcaster.com/IIPW2010).

## APIC IIPW Webinar Series

As part of the planned activities for IIPW, IFIC members will have free access to a special-webinar series hosted by APIC on clinical and professional development topics related to infection prevention. The schedule for the IIPW webinar series is as follows:

- **Monday, October 18:**  
**I Believe in Zero CLABSIs** (<http://webinars.apic.org/session.php?id=5120>)  
Chris Goeschel, MPA, MPS, SCD, RN, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine – Anesthesia and Critical Care Medicine, the Quality and Safety Research Group, Director, Patient Safety and Quality Initiatives & Manager, Operations, The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing – Clinical Instructor, The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health – Associate Faculty.
- **Tuesday, October 19:**  
**Infection Prevention is Everyone’s Business** (<http://webinars.apic.org/session.php?id=5121>)  
Sandra R. Hyman, RN, MPA, CIC, Epidemiology Research Nurse, Department of Perioperative Services, Associate in Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, New York – Presbyterian Columbia University Medical Center.
- **Wednesday, October 20:**  
**Targeting Zero SSIs: Bringing Science to the Bedside** (<http://webinars.apic.org/session.php?id=5122>)  
Linda R. Greene, RN, MPS, CIC, Director, Infection Prevention and Control, Rochester General Health Systems.
- **Thursday, October 21:**  
**Advances in Wound Care** (<http://webinars.apic.org/session.php?id=5123>)  
Bonnie Sparks-DeFriese, PT, RN, CWS, CWOCN, The Emory Clinic, WOCNEC, WOC Nurse Clinician/Instructor
- **Friday, October 22**  
**HHS – Improving Patient Safety and Quality of Care: Preventing Healthcare-Associated Infections** (<http://webinars.apic.org/session.php?id=5124>)  
Don Wright, MD, MPH, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, US Department of Health and Human Services.  
*(Note: This webinar covers US regulatory policy. IFIC members are welcome to view this session if interested.)*

If you cannot participate in the live offerings or if registration is full, you will be able to access the archived webinars at your convenience within 3 business days of each event.

To access these webinars for free, click on the webinar title to register and enter the following discount code during checkout: **IFICIIPW**

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