

Infection Prevention and Control-
Southwestern Ontario (IPAC-SWO)
Submission for
3M Chapter Achievement Award 2018

IPAC Southwestern Ontario

Turning things around and widening the lens!

IPAC SWO Purpose:

To reduce the risk of infection across the care continuum through knowledge exchange,

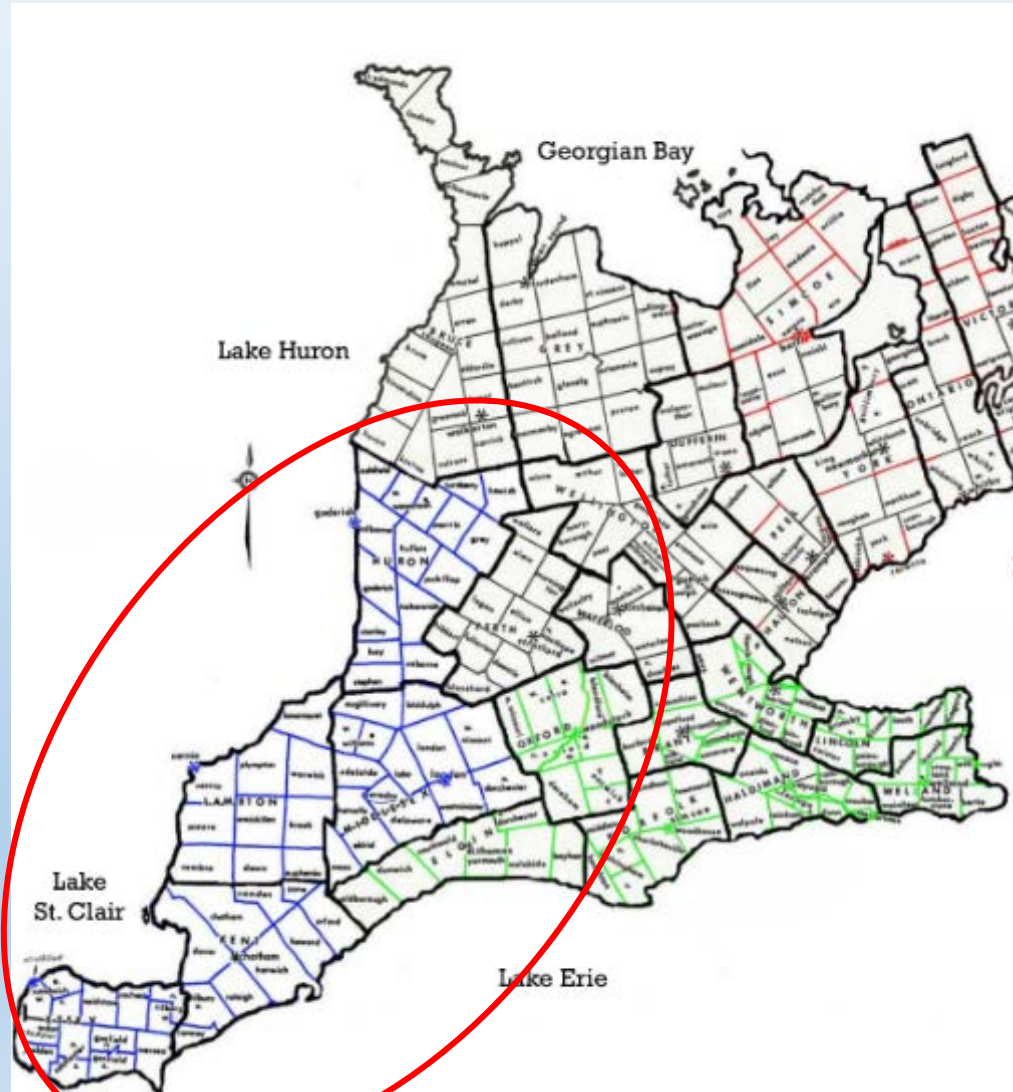
To share experiences, ideas and information for the prevention and control of infections, and

To collaborate and network among persons interested in infection prevention and control (IPAC).

Objectives of IPAC SWO Chapter

- To promote and enhance IPAC expertise through individual and group activities within South Western Ontario (SWO).
- To assist individual members in the development of their own IPAC program within SWO.
- To hold multi-disciplinary educational conferences or seminars to update knowledge in IPAC.
- To support and assist with research/study activities and the publication of results.
- To identify and compile IPAC measures that have proven effective in specific areas of concern, including evidence-based practice guidelines, recommendations, position statements, etc. that maintain safe, effective and quality care.
- To promote communication with members across the continuum of care.
- To assist individual members in their professional development in the field of IPAC.
- To promote community awareness and understanding of the source of infection, the mode of transmission, and the means of control.
- To act as an advocate for and increase awareness of IPAC practices and issues.

The Region of IPAC SWO



Southwestern Ontario is a secondary region of Southern Ontario in the province of Ontario. With IPAC HUPIC to our north, IPAC SWO is bounded by the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, and Detroit River, to the west; and by Lake Erie to the south.

To the east, on land, Southwestern Ontario is bounded by Central Ontario and the Golden Horseshoe.

Central to our area is London Ontario, with a population of 384,000.

IPAC SWO is 37 years young!

Where we came from?

- In 1969, four hospitals formed a network called the *Southwestern Ontario Exchange Meeting Program*.
- In April of 1981, the network achieved chapter status and was called the *Southwestern Ontario Practitioners in Infection Control (SOPIC)*. At that time there were 40 members of the chapter.
- The name of the chapter has changed from SOPIC in 1981 to *CHICA-SWO* in 2008 and finally to *Infection Prevention and Control-Southwestern Ontario (IPAC-SWO)* in 2014.
- IPAC Canada formerly acknowledged IPAC SWOs 35th in 2016!

Scope of IPAC SWO Membership

123 Individual and 19 Institutional memberships

3rd highest chapter membership across the country

- **Multi-discipline Membership:** ICPs, Program Managers, Public Health Inspectors and Nurses, Environmental Services, Consultants, Occupational Health, Educators, IPAC Specialists, Medical Lab Technologists, Students, Physicians, and Industry
- **Top Representation:** Acute Care 46.3%, Public Health 24.4%, Industry 7.3%, Government 6.5% , LTC 5.7%

2018 IPAC SWO Executive

President: Cheryl Tung, BAsC, CPHI(C)

President Elect: Francine Paquette, BAsC, CPHI(C), CIC

Treasurer/Membership: Sonalben Shah, MSc, CIC

Secretary: Elaine Reddick, MPH, CPHI(C), CIC

Education Co-Chairs:

Kim Hobbs, RN, BScN, CIC and

Dori Taylor, RN, BScN, CIC, CCHN(C)

Knowledge Transfer/Webmaster: Eleanor Paget, RN, BScN, CIC

Non-acute Care Representative: Cara-Lee Coghill, RN, MScN, CCHC(C)

- Representatives from Public Health and Acute Care
- Members range from 1-5 years service on the IPAC SWO Executive by 2018
- Unique to executive structure Non-Acute Care Representative position

IPAC SWO Membership Representation in IPAC Canada Committees and Interest Groups

Elaine Reddick – Dialysis Interest Group, Environmental Hygiene Interest Group

Kim Hobbs – Education Committee, Healthcare Facility Design & Construction, Network of Networks

Cheryl Tung – LTC Interest Group, Community Healthcare Interest Group

Dori Taylor – Education Committee, Oncology Interest Group

Scott Rutherford – Pre-hospital & First Responders Group

Lorna Morgan – Reprocessing Interest Group

Francine Paquette – Surveillance/Applied Epidemiology Interest Group

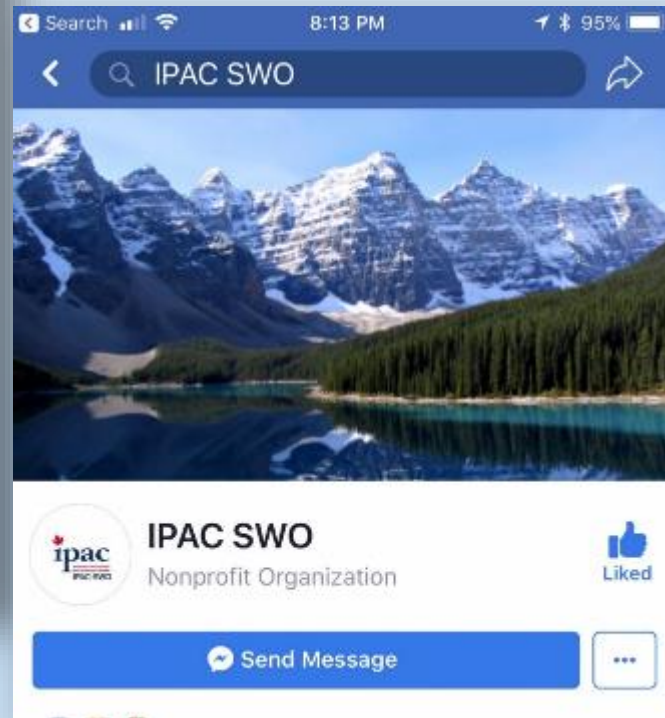
Cara-Lee Coghill – Standards and Guidelines Committee, Pediatrics and Neonatal Interest Group

Lindsay Samoila – Mental Health Interest Group

Sonalben Shah – Membership Committee

Joanne Dow – IPAC Chapter Council Representative – Central West Region

Growing IPAC SWO with Social Media



- Social Media presence established in 2018 on Facebook and Twitter
- Both interfaces linked to IPAC SWO website for easy access

Expanding the Use of Technology

- Seamless registration and check-ins made possible through use of Eventbrite for registrants, speakers and vendors alike!
- All communication to and from Members conducted through IPAC SWO generic Gmail account.
- Redesign of [IPAC SWO website](#) including outward public facing and inward member only facing secure access.



2018 Chapter Education Committee

Education Co-Chairs: Kim Hobbs, Woodstock Hospital and Dori Taylor, Huron County Public Health

Education Committee Members:

- Joanne Dow, Middlesex London Health Unit
- Sonalben Shah, Woodstock Hospital
- Yasmine Chagla, London Health Sciences Centre
- Jean Clark, Revera Living
- Robin Latendresse, Southwestern Public Health
- Francine Paquette, IPAC West, Public Health Ontario
- Eleanor Paget, IPAC West, Public Health Ontario
- Cheryl Tung, Middlesex London Health Unit

2018 Chapter Meeting and Education Days

Five amazing chapter meetings/education days were offered and topic areas for the education portion are carefully chosen to ensure applicability across diverse healthcare sectors:

Goals:

- To broaden the scope of Infection Prevention and Control to be representative of all health care sectors,
- To provide IPAC SWO Chapter updates to Membership and highlight the benefits of membership to guest/non-members at every event and opportunity and
- To promote networking among professionals with an interest in Infection Prevention and Control

2018 IPAC SWO Key Note Speakers:

February 22 - *iGAS and Influenza Update* presented by Dr. Allison McGeer, Mount Sinai Hospital

June 15 - *Tuberculosis: Key Issues for IPAC* presented by Dr. Elizabeth Rae, Toronto Public Health

September 21 - *Antimicrobial Stewardship in Hospitals: Novel Strategies for Future Success* presented by Dr. Sameer Elsayed, London Health Sciences Centre and *Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Community: Challenges and Opportunities* presented by Dr. Kevin Schwartz, Public Health Ontario

November 16 - *What's new in Occupational Health and Safety!* presented by Henrietta Van Hulle, Public Services Health & Safety Association and *Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE): The Bacteria that Eats Borders for Breakfast* presented by Kasey Gambeta, Public Health Ontario

Get to know the work of your IPAC SWO colleagues

IPAC SWO Education Committee builds in time into each agenda for members to present and share on their unique, IPAC-related initiatives as well as plan fun interactive activities such as “*Beach Ball Questions*” and “*Speed dating – IPAC Style*” that had members mingling, meeting and greeting with each other, building connections and getting to know each other!



Cracking the IPAC Code: April 27, 2018



Organizing Committee of 2018 IPAC SWO Education Day



Highlights:

- Largest education event in SWO history!
- Brought together 201 delegates and 23 vendors
- Four IPAC Showcases which shared lived IPAC experiences of our members
- Key Note Speaker Jim Gauthier, Diversey
- Unique sessions including a multidisciplinary panel on Routine Practices across the health care settings

IPAC 101 In Community Health Settings

- Organizing committee chaired by IPAC SWO Executive Non-Acute Care Representative Cara-Lee Coghill
- Offered in partnership with Public Health Ontario
- Sessions offered in London and Windsor, On
- 112 registered participants over both events with additional events planned for 2019
- Participant's work settings include Dental practices, Chiropody practices, Family Health Teams, Community Health Centres, Public Health Units, Midwifery practice, Independent Living settings
- Presented by members of IPAC SWO exec and IPAC SWO members including Kathy McGhie (3M) and Erika Vitale (Windsor Regional Hospital)



Cara-Lee Coghill,
IPAC SWO Non-Acute Care Rep



Supporting Our Members: Certification - CIC Prep Series

- Offered in partnership with IPAC HUPIC and the IPAC West Regional office, Public Health Ontario
- All facilitators were members of IPAC Canada
- 26 members participated the six-session series
- Primary focus was on support and networking in preparing for the CIC exam

Dates	Content	Facilitator
Session 1 Friday, January 19, 2018 12-1pm	CIC exam, strategies and resources Identification of infectious diseases processes	Eleanor Paget RN, BScN, CIC Larry Morrell RN, BScN, CIC
Session 2 Friday, February 2, 2018 12-1pm	Surveillance and epidemiologic investigation	Colleen Ouwendyk RN, BScN, CIC
Session 3 Friday, February 16, 2018 12-1pm	Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents	Darlene Rojek RN, BScN, CIC
Session 4 Friday, March 2, 2018 12-1pm	Employee/Occupational Health Management and Communication (Leadership)	Monika Szabo RN, MPH, CCHC(C), CIC Helen Shaw MLT, CIC
Session 5 Friday, March 23, 2018 12-1pm	Education and Research	Diane Deveau RN, BScN, CIC
Session 6 Friday, April 6, 2018 12-1pm	Environment of Care and Cleaning, Sterilization, Disinfection, Asepsis	Christina Milani CPHI(C), CIC Francine Paquette CPHI(C), BASc, CIC

Supporting Our Members: IPAC Canada Conference

- Provided financial support for five IPAC SWO members to attend the 2018 National IPAC Canada Conference in Banff, Alberta.
- Grand prize at the 2018 IPAC SWO Education Day was a paid registration to the 2019 National IPAC Canada conference in Quebec City.



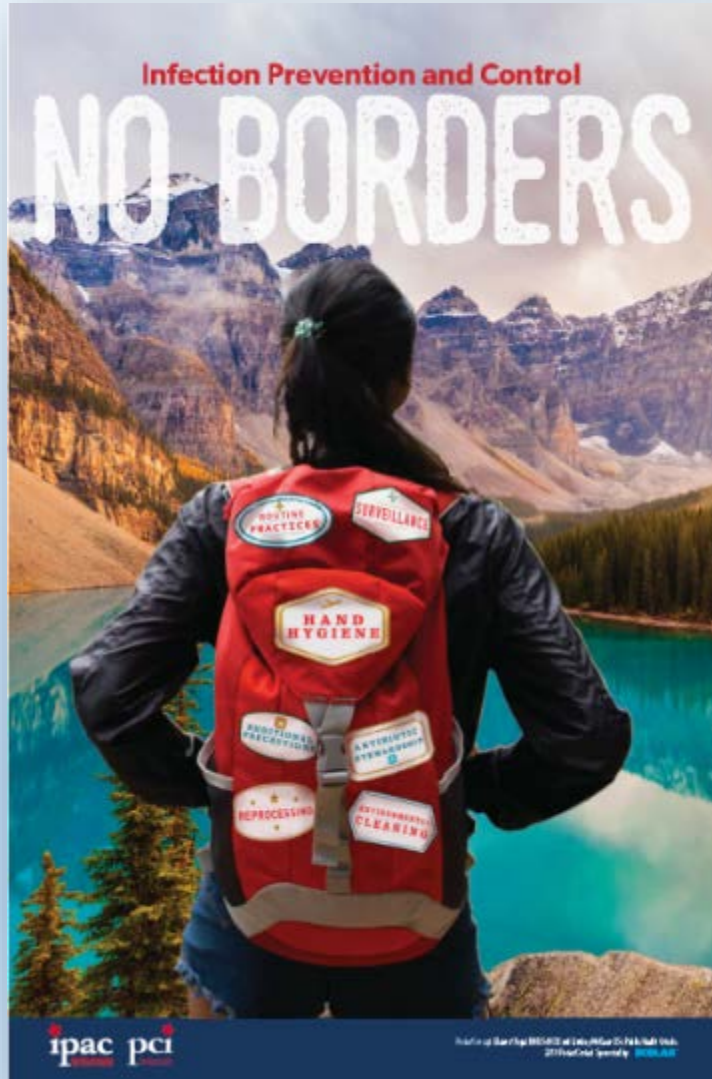
Carol Franklin ICP from Marshall Gowland Manor was the Grand Prize Winner of paid registration to 2019 IPAC Canada conference

Celebrating Our Members: 2018 IPAC Canada National Conference

IPAC-SWO Member posters at the 2018 National Conference:

- Kim Hobbs, Sonalben Shah, Jaime Lynn Cornelius, Jessica Kooger, Shelby Ludington from Woodstock Hospital: *Descending the Summit of VRE Transmission: Drastic Reduction of VRE Nosocomial Cases and Outbreaks on Acute Medical Units.*
- Lesley Leach, Cara-Lee Coghill from Oxford County Public Health and Brenda Prouse from Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll: *Three Sputum Samples Away From Freedom*
- Jessica Kooger and Natalie Goertz from IPAC Consulting, Woodstock: *Infection Prevention and Control in the Dental Office Setting*

Celebrating Our Members: 2018 National IPAC Canada Conference



Ecolab Poster Contest Winner: Lindsay McKeen and IPAC SWO member Eleanor Paget, Public Health Ontario created the winning concept for the 2018 Ecolab Poster contest.



IFIC Run with Elaine Reddick, Lesley Leach and Francine Paquette

IPAC SWO Gives Back

Financial Donations from IPAC SWO included:

- Webber Training which provides IPAC information to the widest possible audience with the fewest barriers to access.
- African Education Node Initiative to assist in the development in on-line IPAC training.
- IPAC Canada President's Fund 2018

Networking with our Neighbour Chapter: IPAC HUPIC

Members of IPAC SWO have provided support and guidance to IPAC HUPIC by:

- Providing support with Adobe connect for IPAC HUPIC meeting in November 2018 enabling broader access to interested participants
- Supporting IPAC 101 in Community Health Settings offered in Owen Sound
- Offering support to members of the IPAC HUPIC executive to assist them in their roles at their chapter



IPAC SWO Betty Bannerman Award sponsored by 3M 2018 Award Winner – Brenda Prouse

This 3M sponsored award recognizes a IPAC-SWO member who has made outstanding contributions to the practice of IPAC. It is given in honour of Betty Bannerman, a former CHICA-Canada President and the first President of this chapter.

This year's recipient, Brenda Prouse, ICP Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, exemplifies the qualities of exceptional leadership, service and excellence in the field of infection prevention and control and is a worthy recipient of the 2018 IPAC SWO Betty Bannerman Award of Excellence.

Cheryl Tung, 2017- 2018 Chapter President



Brenda Prouse, 2018 Betty Bannerman Award Winner with IPAC SWO Chapter President, Cheryl Tung

IPAC SWO Planning Ahead!

- Continuing to focus on quality education offerings on topics that are applicable across the health care sectors with promotion of participation from both members and non-members
- Offering a special Canadian Standards Association (CSA) *“Cleaning and Disinfection Forum”* in April
- Offering the IPAC 101 workshop in other parts of the region for clinical office settings
- Planning two webinars scheduled for February and June and three in-person Education Days scheduled for April, September and November
- Participating and supporting the Public Health Ontario and IPAC HUPIC with the 2019 CIC Prep Series.

And so much more!



Celebrating a successful
2018 from the hard
work and extensive
contributions of this
hard working team!



Most of all, IPAC SWO continues to celebrate the individuals who comprise the membership of this chapter and their facilities who continue to support their participation in the work of the chapter!

We thank them for their time, energy and dedication to the on-going success and vitality of IPAC SWO and to the promotion of the IPAC profession!