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Debugging Healthcare Together!

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ARO Guidelines Revision - your input is requested

The ARO Guidelines Working Group has been revising the 2005 Antibiotic Resistant Organisms (ARO) Provincial Guidelines to reflect their review of the latest evidence on common AROs and include new information on emerging organisms.

The draft document is now posted on the PICNet website for review and comment by the infection prevention and control Community of Practice. Please read the document and use the Document Feedback Form to send any comments to [Joanne Archer](#), Education and Best Practices Coordinator by January 31, 2013.

Thank you in advance for your input into this important resource.

[Download the ARO Guidelines document and feedback form](#)

New Strain of Norovirus

The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has released its latest [Laboratory Trends](#) newsletter, which reports a new strain of norovirus in BC, the GII.4 Sydney (2012). Coinciding with this new strain, the number of reported gastroenteritis outbreaks in October and November 2012 was the highest since 2006. BCCDC's Laboratory Trends includes the latest provincial data on GI outbreaks in hospitals and the community, as well as information on norovirus prevention measures provided by PICNet, which reflect the provincial GI Guidelines.

PICNet Manager Bruce Gamage was interviewed by CBC News Early Edition on the topic of Norovirus this morning (January 7); you can listen to the [podcast](#). (The interview runs from 12:40 to 19:00)

Read: [BCCDC Laboratory Trends](#) | [PICNet information](#)
| [Provincial GI Guidelines](#)

Hand Hygiene Module on PHSA LearningHub

Users of PICNet's education modules have been requesting tracking ability and certificates of completion. To meet this request, PICNet is making the newest education modules available on the PHSA Learning Hub. Anyone can use the PHSA LearningHub (not just PHSA employees).

The Provincial Hand Hygiene education module is now available on the LearningHub, and the Infection Control Basics module, which is currently

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Upcoming Events

**PICNet 2013
Educational
Conference** April 11-
12, 2013
Vancouver, BC

Fundamentals of
Infection Control
during Construction,
Renovation and
Maintenance of
Healthcare Facilities
Vancouver, BC -
March 26, 2013

Practical Applications
of Infection Control
during Construction,
Renovation and
Maintenance of
Healthcare Facilities
Vancouver, BC -
March 27, 2013

[Indoor Air Quality](#)

being updated, will be available in a few weeks.

PICNet has created [a set of instructions](#) on how to create a LearningHub account (you only need to provide your name and email address), how to find the course, and how to print your certificate after you have completed the course.

[Take me to the Hand Hygiene module on the PHSA Learning Hub!](#)

PICNet Conference - Register by March 30th

Registration for the PICNet 2013 Educational Conference is open until March 30, 2013. The preliminary program is posted on the [PICNet website](#). We hope to see you there!



Webber Training

Upcoming Webber Teleclasses

The Patient Experience as a Catalyst for Change

24 January 2013

Speaker: Margaret Murpy, Expert Lead, Patients for Patient Safety, World Health Organization



Infection Prevention and Social Change

31 January 2013

Speaker: Prof. Elaine Larson, Columbia University

Why Evidence Should Have Biological Plausibility: The Story Of Chlorhexidine And Its Role In Skin Antisepsis

7 February 2013

Speaker: Prof. Matthias Maiwald, National University of Singapore

The Webber Teleclass schedule is now posted on the [PICNet website](#) for January-March 2013.

The Role of HVAC Systems in Healthcare Facilities
Vancouver, BC -
March 26, 2013

More information on the [CSA Health Care and Medical Devices Training](#) courses

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