

# PICNet

## PROVINCIAL INFECTION CONTROL NETWORK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## PICNet October Newsletter

### Debugging Healthcare Together!

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**Infection Control Week is Oct 20-26, and PICNet has lots of ways you can get involved!**

#### Infection Control Week Activities and Resources

PICNet has lots of activities and resources for [Infection Control Week](#). You can use our downloadable resources to plan your own activities; you can purchase our Infection Control Week-In-A-Box; you can get your staff involved in our video contest... and more!

- [Let's Go Viral!](#) game kit
- [Video contest](#) - enter to win an iPad mini
- [IC resources, games, and ideas](#)
- [Online education modules](#)
- [Teleclasses and webinars](#)
- [Tell us what you're doing!](#) We'd love to hear what plans you have... you can win prizes by sending in photos of your event!



Please help us promote Infection Control Week by sharing this email with your colleagues, or by telling them about all the things they can get involved in!

#### Education Resource Fund

PICNet has posted its guidelines and application form for next year's **Education Resource Fund**. The deadline for applications is January 13, 2013; you can read more about the ERF and download the forms [here](#).



#### Flu Shot Season

Flu shot season is almost here! The PHSA flu shot campaign will begin on October 28th. This year's flu shot policy **includes visitors**; more information on this will be provided by your health authority. It's important that all your vaccinations are up to date; we have created an [immunization information page](#) on the PICNet website with links to information and checklists.



#### More Events

Hot on the heels of Infection Control Week are:

- [Canadian Patient Safety Week](#) (Oct 28-Nov 1). The theme this year is **Ask.Listen.Talk. - Medication Safety**. Register to receive a free package of posters, tent cards, magazines and other resources.
- [Antibiotic Awareness Week](#) (Nov 18-24). [Antibiotic Awareness.ca](#) has

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#### Upcoming Events

Oct 20-26

[Infection Control Week](#)

Oct 22, 2013

[CSSA Clean BC 2013](#)

Oct 28, 2013

[CHICA-BC Education Day](#)

Oct 28-Nov 1

[Canadian Patient Safety Week](#)

Nov 18-24, 2013

[Antibiotic Awareness Week](#)

resources on their website; you can also find more great antibiotic information, materials, and educator tools at [Do Bugs Need Drugs?](#) Infection control is always an integral part of patient safety, so you can also continue to use [PICNet's IC resources](#) as part of CPSW.

## Webber Training

### Upcoming Webber Teleclasses

Please note: the Webber schedule is subject to change, so be sure to check the PICNet website for upcoming classes. We will always send out the email notification 1-3 days before, so make sure you're [signed up](#) for these.



#### **The Road To CIC Certification: Getting Started And Working Toward Success**

October 17th, 2013

Speaker: Dr. Kathryn N. Suh, he Ottawa Hospital, and Ruth M. Carrico, University of Louisville School of Public Health

#### **Infection Control Concerning MRSA In A Low-Endemic Area**

October 24th, 2013

Speaker: Bjorg Marit Andersen, Oslo University, Norway

#### **Ten Tips For Incorporating Scientific Quality Improvement Into Everyday Work**

October 31st, 2013

Speaker: Prof. Don Goldmann, Harvard University

#### **Occupational Infection Control In Correctional Settings**

November 7th, 2013

Speaker: Robert Marton, Miami-Dade County, Florida

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

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