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CHICA-Canada 2006 National Conference

Bridging Global Partnerships
London, Ontario May 5-10, 2006

Early Bird Registration
Deadline - April 17, 2006

For more information refer to www.chica.org/2006conference.html

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Viv McEnnis
Infection Control in New Zealand



www.infectioncontrol.co.nz

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Viv McEnnis, Chairperson, National Division
of Infection Control Nurses New Zealand

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Wellington Capital City of New Zealand



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Viv McEnnis



- Chairperson of Division of National Division of Infection Control Nurses, New Zealand Nurses Organisation
- 12 years working in Infection Control in tertiary hospital sector in Capital and Coast District Health Board.
- Spent 2002 on secondment to Office of Auditor General, assisting with report on Management of Hospital- Acquired Infection
www.oag.govt.nz

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New Zealand and the health care system

- 4 million population
- 2 main islands approx same size as UK
- Public Health system divided into 21 DHBs (District Health Boards)
- 6 DHBs have tertiary hospital services
- Some private hospitals
- Educated work force
- Lots of overseas graduates
- NZers mobile workforce
- 54 ICNs work in DHBs
- More work, usually part-time, in the private hospital or rest home settings

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National Division of Infection Control Nurses (NDICN) of New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO)

- 45,000 nurses in NZ belong to NZNO
- Industrial and Professional representation
www.nzno.org.nz
- National Division is part of NZNO
- Started 25 years ago, membership now 350
- Elected voluntary executive committee
- “Controlla” published four times a year

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Role of NDICN

- Promote & foster interest in infection control
- Disseminate infection control information
- Safeguard interests of members
- Liaise with other groups concerned with infection control

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Issues for Infection Control in NZ

- Small pool of ICNs with important role acknowledged
 - Hospital certification/accreditation processes
 - Hx SARS and now threat of pandemic influenza
- Reliance on overseas information, publications and advice

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Issues for Infection Control in NZ

- Developed country with modern health care system but relatively scarce resources
- High expectations of both health work force and the public

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NDICN conference Christchurch 2006



- August 16-18 2006
- “Garden City” in South Island NZ

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Guest Speakers, theme ...

- Larry Strausbury US Infectious Diseases physician and Epidemiologist
- Christine Perry, UK Infection Control Nurse
- “Infection Control Unmasked”
- See www.infectioncontrol.co.nz for details and think of coming – NZ loves overseas visitors

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Infection Control challenges in NZ

- Managing with limited resources
- Achieving agreement between Ministry of Health and practitioners on surveillance for HAI
 - E.g. BSI collected for 12 years but definitions not followed
- Succession planning/development of future ICNs

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Tensions for NZ ICNs

- Mandatory certification process against legislated infection control standard NZS 8142:2000
- Increases profile for infection control but burdens individual ICPs with fixing environmental issues

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CHICA-CANADA 2006 – Thirtieth Anniversary!

- 30th Anniversary Logo – based on designs by Bill Walker and Pamela Armstrong
- 30th Anniversary Pin to be sent out to all members
- 30th Anniversary T-Shirts and Vests for sale with winter journal
- 2006 Conference – Memories and Fun!



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