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CHICA-Canada 2006
National Conference

Early Bird Registration
Deadline - April 17, 2006

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

Viv McEnnis
Infection Control in New Zealand

www.infectioncontrol.co.nz

Infection Control in New Zealand

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

Wellington Capital City of New Zealand
Viv McEnnis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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!
Products Available from CHICA-Canada
www.chica.org/products.html

- Infection Control Audit Toolkit
- Enhanced Teleclass Recordings on CD
- “Just Wash ‘Em”
- Strategies for Pandemics and Disasters

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