

CHICA-CANADA (COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL INFECTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION-CANADA) will hold a series of “Road Show Seminars” in various provinces throughout the country, starting in November and continuing into 2008. The “Road Show Seminars” are designed to educate healthcare professionals and healthcare administrators on decreasing the rate of healthcare-associated infections with the focus on Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA), the antibiotic-resistant superbug impacting millions of patients worldwide.

Over the next 8 months CHICA’s “Road Show Seminars” will be held in Vancouver (date and location to be announced) Winnipeg (date and location to be announced), and Montreal (Thursday, June 5, 2008, following the close of the 2008 Education Conference. In addition, CHICA-Canada will host a series of National Webinars (tentatively scheduled for January, March and April 2008). The programs will feature nationally recognized infection prevention and control professionals and physicians discussing the consequences of MRSA, an increasingly prevalent and deadly organism in healthcare facilities. More importantly, the panel will highlight successful, systems-wide approaches that have effectively combated the increasingly troublesome infection.

“CHICA-Canada is pleased to partner with BD (Becton Dickinson) for the MRSA educational initiatives as Infection Prevention and Control Professionals are continually faced with the challenges that accompany a growing burden of MRSA in Canadian healthcare facilities”, said CHICA-Canada President Joanne Laalo.

The “Road Show Seminars” program, sponsored by BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company), is aimed at both clinicians and healthcare executives faced with the clinical and financial impact of MRSA in their facilities.

“BD is proud to work jointly with CHICA-Canada on this important initiative” said James Glasscock, Country General Manager of BD “as it is central to our commitment at BD to prevent healthcare-associated infections and help all people live healthy lives.”

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