

THIS TEMPLATE MAY BE ADDRESSED TO INSTITUTIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DECISION-MAKERS TO INTRODUCE THEM TO THE BENEFITS OF THEIR EMPLOYEE BELONGING TO IPAC CANADA.

Your facility has employee(s) interested in membership in IPAC Canada. We offer the following background information about our organization, along with the benefits of membership:

BACKGROUND

Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada) is a national multidisciplinary organization for health professionals and others involved in the prevention and control of infections. Membership includes professionals in acute care settings, long term care, community and public health, emergency services, epidemiology, and mental health, to name a few. IPAC Canada (formerly CHICA-Canada) was founded in 1976, and is a non-profit association of over 1650 members, governed by an elected board of directors and managed by an executive director. Twenty-two local chapters provide additional support, education opportunities, information, and networking opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in IPAC Canada has many benefits, including:

- Access to the Members Area of our web site
- Member rates at national and chapter conferences
- Subscription to our quarterly journal, *The Canadian Journal of Infection Control*, and online access to current and past issues.
- E-broadcasts and monthly E-Newsletter, outlining the most current issues, updates and publications relevant to infection prevention and control
- An annual Member and Source Guide, for quickly locating other members, specialists, products and services, and access to the online publication
- Access to certification in infection control (CIC) through the Certification Board of Infection Control
- Ability to participate at the local (chapter) level, on special interest groups, and at the national (board, committee, annual conference) level.

Individual memberships are \$206 per annum (as of January 1, 2016), and include membership in one chapter, and optional membership in any of our 10 interest groups. Institutional memberships are \$288 for the first representative, and \$124 for each representative thereafter, per annum. These also include chapter and interest group memberships. Institutional membership is for groups of members all working at one physical site. Effective January 1, 2016, an individual first time member fee will be \$124 for the first year. This does not apply to institutional member representatives or members transferring into a new position.

CHAPTER PARTICIPATION

Each member of IPAC Canada is provided with one complimentary membership in the chapter of their choice. There are 21 chapters across Canada. Through chapter involvement, the member of IPAC Canada, your employee, has the opportunity to network with infection prevention and control colleagues from various healthcare settings, to discuss matters of mutual importance, to learn from respective experiences, and to gain formal education on various infection prevention and control issues. Meetings are typically in-person but most chapters do have a teleconference availability. The importance of this additional educational and networking opportunity cannot be undervalued and should be considered an integral professional responsibility.

INTEREST GROUPS

There are 12 special interest groups and members may join as many as they wish at no additional fee. Communication is by email, through the interest group webpage, and at an in-person meeting held prior to the annual conference. The special interest groups are:

Community Healthcare Interest Group	Dialysis Interest Group	Healthcare Facility & Design Interest Group
Long Term Care Interest Group	Mental Health Interest Group	Oncology Interest Group
PreHospital Care Interest Group	Paediatrics and Neonatal Interest Group	
Surveillance & Applied Epidemiology Interest Group		
Environmental Hygiene Interest Group	Reprocessing Interest Group	

Network of Networks (of interest to members in a provincial, regional or national leadership position)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

IPAC Canada organizes an annual national education conference, which attracts between 500 and 750 ICPs. The conference is a dynamic source of education and networking for attendees. Members of IPAC Canada enjoy significantly reduced registration fees. There are scholarship and bursary opportunities available to members.

BENEFITS TO EMPLOYERS

IPAC Canada provides expert information to external stakeholder agencies, at all levels, and promotes excellence in the practice of infection prevention and control through communication, development of standards of practice, promotion of research, and local, online and national education opportunities. Our internationally recognized web site (www.ipac.org) also provides comprehensive, timely information and tools which members can access at any time. Your employees will have representation, effective communication aids, tools, support and education opportunities to encourage collaboration, foster growth, and promote the importance of infection prevention and control at your facility.

We encourage your support of membership in IPAC Canada and the opportunity for your valued employees to attain additional educational and networking through participation in the local chapter and conference opportunities. If you have any questions about IPAC Canada, please do contact our office at any time.



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