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The Certification Corner

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President's Corner—Deanie Lancaster

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Welcome to all of you who are reading our second E-Newsletter from the CBIC. The 35th Annual Educational Conference and International Meeting of APIC was a huge success and broke all previous attendance records. No activity at that conference was quite as rewarding, however, as the celebration on Sunday evening for the group of individuals who took the first certification examination back in 1983.

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Approximately 65 people attended the event and among the group were past and current APIC leaders. Sally Williams of Atlanta who couldn't attend the celebration shared her story via e-mail. "I have never regretted taking the exam on my off day, paying for it myself, group studying to prepare for re-certification, and getting no additional pay or recognition for being certified by my employers," she said. "Being certified has always been a badge of honor to me."



I encourage all of you to recognize and celebrate the success of those in your chapters who become certified because they have chosen to dedicate themselves to excellence in our field. While some things have not changed for Infection Preventionists in the past 25 years, I predict that the current attention on the importance of infection prevention and control will change the view of many related to our profession.

New Web-Based Self-Achievement Recertification Exam (SARE) Available in 2009

2008 is the last year the SARE will be available in a pencil and paper hard copy booklet format. In 2009, the SARE will be available only as a web-based computer exam, but will still be designed for the certifying candidates to complete at their own pace within the calendar year in which their certificate would expire.



Members of the cohort who took the first certification examination in 1983 honored at CBIC Reception at APIC National Conference in June.

APIC Annual Conference 2009
Fort Lauderdale, FL
June 7, 2009–
June 11, 2009

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Corner

I work in a Long-Term Care setting/Home Care setting/Ambulatory setting/Public Health setting (i.e., non acute care setting); why is the certification exam geared more to acute care practice?

The questions on the certification exam are based on North American infection control standards of practice applicable to any patient care setting. The candidate who passes the exam is qualified to practice infection control in any setting. The questions are based on the most current Practice Analysis and Certification Exam Content Outline; refer to the Examination Content Outline available on the



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CBIC website. Candidates who work in acute care settings also need to study specific areas of the content outline that they have less experience in. Click [here](#) for more FAQs.

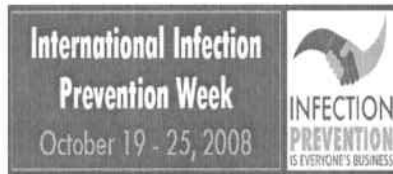
A Certification Study Group Success Story

Susan Cooper MLT CIC, South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network

The South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network (SEOICN) is part of the Regional Infection Control Network (RICN) initiative of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. RICNs have been created across the Canadian province to maximize coordination and integration of activities related to the prevention, surveillance and control of infections and infectious diseases across the continuum of health care. In 2006, an informal survey of infection control human resources was conducted by SEOICN. Click [here](#) for more details on the survey.

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CBIC Mission Statement

The mission of CBIC is to improve the quality of healthcare by increasing the number of professionals whose knowledge mastery in infection control and applied epidemiology has been demonstrated by certification.

Elevating the professional. Elevating the profession.

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