

Collaboration and Support of the CIC® Certification Examination

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Objectives

1. Define current partnerships of CBIC
2. Introduce the CIC® Facilitator Resource Toolkit
3. Discuss ways to support certification in any organization
4. Outline other ways to get involved with CBIC



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Working Together

- CBIC Mission: to protect the public through the development, administration, and promotion of an accredited certification in infection prevention and control. CBIC maintains and promotes professional certification of the highest quality through the accomplishment of key objectives.
- CIC® helps define a competent workforce



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Current Partners of CBIC

- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
- Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada)
- International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC)



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How do others support certification?

- APIC Chapters
 - Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter
 - Professional Advancement Committee
 - Monthly study groups
 - In-person and via webinar
 - Study resources
 - Recognition for newly certified CICs
 - Greater Kansas City Chapter
 - Facilitated study groups via conference calls and in-person
 - “Celebrations” agenda item at meetings



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How do others support certification?

- IPAC Chapters
 - British Columbia
 - Won the CIC® Chapter Achievement Award at IPAC Canada 2016
 - Support group with mentors
 - Eastern Ontario
 - 30% of 2016 chapter members are CIC certified
 - Scholarship fund
 - Recognition of newly certified ICs
 - Ottawa Region
 - Study group
 - Pinning ceremony



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How do others support certification?

- State HAI Programs
 - Texas
 - Funding through Ebola grants
- Various organizations
 - Scholarships for study materials and exam reimbursement



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CIC® Facilitator Resource Toolkit

- Developed to assist organizations, member/professional groups, and anyone who wants to support certification in infection prevention and control (CIC®)
- Components
 - Letter from the President
 - PPT presentation on Understanding the CIC® Credential
 - Template letter to a supervisor
 - Resources for funding or reimbursement for the CIC® Exam
 - Template letter to a foundation, requesting funding
 - How to set up a virtual study group (PDF version)
 - What are other groups doing to support certification?
 - List of CBIC references used to write the exam



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Understanding the CIC® Credential

- Pre-scripted presentation
- Available to the public on the CBIC website
- Can be used by anyone to present on the CIC® Credential
- Suggested uses:
 - On your organization's website
 - A link in your e-newsletter
 - At professional meetings



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Template Letter to your Supervisor

- Also part of the Marketing Toolkit
 - Catered more towards the individual IP/ICP
- Pre-scripted letter with highlighted fields to fill in with personalized information
- Explains the benefit of certification to your supervisor
- Available to the public on the CBIC website



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Resources for Funding Reimbursement

- Finding funding or reimbursement for the initial CIC® exam can be difficult if your employer will not pay for it
- State HAI Programs
 - Ebola grants
- Hospital/Organization Foundations
- APIC CAA Program
- Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario



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Template Letter to your Foundation

- Many hospitals have separate foundations that may provide another source for funding
- Use this letter to request funding/reimbursement for your exam fees
- Check with your foundation to see if they have a specific request form



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Virtual Study Groups

- Not everyone lives near other IP/ICPs who preparing to become CICs
- Virtual study groups allow candidates to bridge this geographical gap
- CBIC provides examples and instructions for different ways to create virtual study groups
- Examples:
 - LinkedIn Groups
 - Google Groups
 - Online Learning Platforms



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References Used to Write the Exam

- Located in the Candidate Handbook
- Primary and secondary references used
- Some chapters have libraries of these materials



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Other Ways to Connect with CBIC

- Collaboration Corner
- CIC® in the Spotlight
- Contact us!
 - info@cbic.org
- CBIC brochures



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For More Information...

- Past Webber Teleclasses:
 - Demystifying the CIC® Certification Exam
<http://www.webbertraining.com/recordingslibraryc4.php>
 - CBIC Practice Analysis – What is it and Why is it Critical to the test?
<http://www.webbertraining.com/recordingslibraryc4.php>
- CBIC Webinars:
 - How to Prepare for the CIC® Examination
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lmd3HnDZnBg&feature=youtu.be>
- CIC® Facilitator Resource Toolkit:
<http://www.cbic.org/certification/cic-facilitator-resource-toolkit>



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Thank You!

For more information on CIC® certification, please contact CBIC at 414.918.9796 or info@cbic.org.

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Coming Soon

October 27 **ANTIMICROBIAL ENVIRONMENTAL SURFACES IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS – CAN THEY REALLY BE BENEFICIAL?**
Prof. Jean-Yves Maillard, University of Cardiff, Wales

November 10 **NOROVIRUS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES: HOW TO KEEP THE VIRUS OUT AND WHAT TO DO WHEN IT GETS IN**
Dr. Ben Lopman, CDC, Atlanta
Prof. Miren Iturriza-Gomara, University of Liverpool

November 23 **AIR TRAVEL AND INFECTION TRANSMISSION**
Dr. Paul Edelson, CDC JFK Airport Quarantine Station, New York
Sponsored by GOJO (www.gojo.com)

December 1 **2017 TELECLASS SCHEDULE RELEASED**

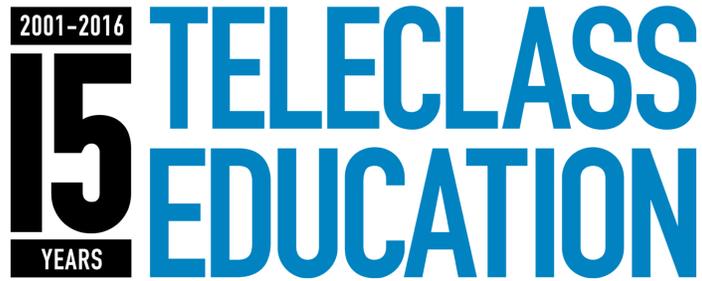
December 8 **VIABILITY OF BACTERIA ON FABRICS**
Prof. Jerry H. Kavouras, University of Illinois at Chicago



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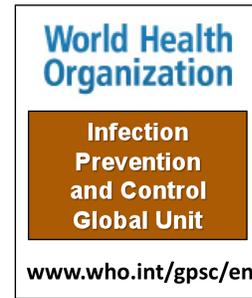
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