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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Molly Blake BN MHS GNC(C) CIC is Infection Control Practitioner, Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Ms Blake has served on many working and interest groups at the local, provincial and national level, including APIC's Practice Guidance Council, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations Committee and their Internal Documents Sub Council. A CHICA Canada member, Ms Blake co-chaired CHICA-Canada's Dialysis Interest Group (2007) and served as Manitoba Chapter President in 2004. In addition to representing Acute Care on the 2009 and 2010 National Education Conferences, Ms. Blake is Scientific Program Co-Chair of the 2011 National Education Conference.

Michael Gardam MSc MD CM MSc FRCPC is CHICA-Canada's Physician Director. Dr. Gardam completed his undergraduate degree, master's degree, and medical school training at McGill University in Montreal. He completed training in internal medicine and infectious diseases and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in infectious diseases in 1998. He subsequently moved to Toronto to complete additional research training in infection prevention and control and completed a second master's degree in Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation at the University of Toronto in 2003. Dr. Gardam has been Medical Director of the tuberculosis clinic at the Toronto Western Hospital since 2000, and Director of the Infection Prevention and Control Unit at the University Health Network since 2001. He is an assistant professor of medicine and faculty at the School of Public Health Sciences at the University of Toronto. He is a member of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association Canada (CHICA) and the national lead for the Safer Healthcare Now! MRSA intervention. In 2008, Dr. Gardam became the Director of infectious diseases prevention and control at the newly formed Ontario Agency of Health Protection and Promotion.

Donna Moralejo PhD is Associate Professor, Memorial University School of Nursing, St John's, Newfoundland Labrador, where she teaches a variety of subjects including population health. Dr. Moralejo attended McGill University and earned a BSc in microbiology and immunology, an applied generic Master's degree in nursing, and a BA in the history of non-western societies. She completed a PhD in epidemiology at the University of Calgary. Dr. Moralejo has been awarded the Award of Excellence in Nursing Education from the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (2007), and was part of the committee awarded the CHCIA-Canada Award of Merit in 2006 for developing the CHICA Canada Entry to Practice Distance Education course. Dr. Moralejo is the current CHICA-Canada Director of Education and a former president of the Newfoundland Chapter.

Cathy Munford RN CIC is Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner, Vancouver Island Health Authority residential and psycho-geriatric units in southern Vancouver Island. She is an influenza and outbreak management team member for Vancouver Island. Ms. Munford received her nursing diploma from the Saint John School of Nursing, has a diploma in nurse management, and attended Dalhousie University's BSc program in biochemical genetics. An active CHICA-Canada member, she has served on the CJIC Editorial Board, as chapter president of two chapters, as co-chair of the CHICA-Canada Long Term Care Interest Group, and as a member of the Government and Public Affairs Committee, and Mental Health Interest Group. She currently serves as the 2009 President of CHICA-Canada.