

CAHN Newsletter: September 2015

Association News

CAHN Awards - Nomination Deadline November 15th

It is fall again and time for our membership to think about worthy recipients for our annual CAHN awards! There are so many hard working hepatology nurses amongst our ranks... let's recognize them!

CAHN guidelines for nominations remain the same: the nominee must be a CAHN member in good standing and must be accompanied by two letters from members. Current award categories are Leadership, Education, Research and Clinical Practice.

Please click [here](#) for the application forms and guidelines.

The deadline for applications is November 15, 2015. Awards will be presented when we all gather at our AGM or Annual Education Day in Montreal in February, 2016.

We are always recruiting for Awards Committee members! Most rewarding job you will ever do! If you are interested, please email Keri at northbayhepc@gmail.com.

Reminder - Bursaries Available for BCIT Hepatitis Course

A reminder we have bursary funds set aside for the British Columbia Institute of Technology Hepatitis C Program. Nurses are eligible to receive a minimum of \$250.00 upon completion of this on-line program. Please see our website for further details. This year we awarded a bursary to Shelby Munk! Congratulations Shelby!

Membership Renewal Notices will be coming out in October - please watch your inbox and remember to renew your membership for 2016! Please note that 2 years membership in good standing is required for CAHN Education Day reimbursement as per the guidelines.

Education Committee Update

What is the CAHN Education Committee?

This committee asks: What, in the experiential work world of hepatology nursing, is needed to enhance knowledge and skill development within the specialty? Examples of work that may be undertaken by the Education Committee include:

- Development of a survey to determine the educational needs of the CAHN membership;
- Development of a forum to share stories of success or stories of challenges;
- Webinars, website or printed materials for patient education;
- Determining the tools and resources needed by hepatology nurses to meet standards posted on the CAHN website; and
- Collaborate with other organizations (e.g. CATIE, BCCDC, CNA, HepCBC etc.)

(Please note that the Education Committee does not plan CAHN Education Day.)

Interested in joining?

All CAHN members are invited to join this committee! New members are currently needed. It involves approximately one hour per month to meet either by brief conference call or by email. The committee would identify priority education project/s and the resources required to complete them. The committee reports to the CAHN board of directors.

If you are interested in joining this committee contact Donna Zukowski at donna.zukowski@interiorhealth.ca.

Education and Resources

Upcoming Events

CATIE Cirrhosis Pamphlet Now Available!

Title: *Understanding Cirrhosis of the Liver: First Steps for the Newly Diagnosed*

This booklet will help people newly diagnosed with cirrhosis understand the basics of this serious form of liver damage.

It explains the common symptoms of cirrhosis, the various medical tests people living with cirrhosis can expect, and treatment options. It also gives readers general tools for managing their liver health.

The cirrhosis resource is now available for order in CATIE's Ordering Centre! Electronic copies can be found here:

- French: [Comprendre la cirrhose du foie: Premières étapes après un nouveau diagnostic](#)
- English: [Understanding Cirrhosis of the Liver: First steps for the newly diagnosed](#)

If you wish to order print copies of the pamphlet, or to access other resources related to HIV and hepatitis C information, please visit the [CATIE Ordering Centre](#).

CNA Focus Group

October 1, 2015 from 7pm to 9pm
50 The Driveway, Ottawa, ON

The CNA wants to hear how you feel about membership, available resources, and how we can better represent you. To confirm your participation, please contact Briana Seguin at bseguin@cna-aiic.ca no later than September 16, 2015.

CATIE Forum: Making It Work, From Planning to Practice

October 15-16, 2015 in Toronto, ON

CATIE is hosting its national, bilingual forum with a theme of *Making it work: From Planning to Practice*, in response to a pressing need for dialogue and learning regarding the frontline implications of new knowledge and approaches in HIV and hepatitis C prevention, testing, treatment, care and support. Click [here](#) for more information and a link to registration.

BCCDC Hepatology Nurse Leaders Workshop

October 23, 2015 in Vancouver, BC

This workshop focuses on special issues and advanced practice topics on the care and management of hepatitis C. The program features case presentations by nurse and physician experts on current practice issues. Click [here](#) for more information and the registration form.

5th Annual London Liver Update

October 24, 2015 in London, ON

Topics this year include: Advances in Anti-fibrotics and NASH, Clinicians Guide to Portal Hypertension, Treating HCV in 2020, Evolution of Liver Transplantation. Liver Cancer, and Autoimmune liver diseases. For more information or to register, please contact Paul.Marotta@lhsc.on.ca

Did you know you can access past newsletters on the CAHN website? Click [here](#)!

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