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CHIPIG is the Consumer Health Information Providers Group, a formal group of health professionals and librarians who meet to share ideas and resources. The group started informally in the fall of 1999, and worked to host a one-day conference titled "Consumer Health Information: The Canadian Experience". This was held in conjunction with the second conference on Family Resource Centres in Toronto in June 2001.

As the name states we are Information Providers, who specialize in providing health information to consumers. Some of us work in health care settings, such as hospitals or clinics, while others work in libraries or other agencies that provide information.

We meet about every two months, usually in a different members site. Our meeting focus on sharing information about our programs, new resources we have found, and any new developments in the field of consumer health information. We also use our electronic list serv to share this information between meetings.

The CHIPIG group has seen a considerable expansion in the past few months, as we became an affiliate member of the **Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA)**, hosted

a well-attended walking tour of consumer health centres at the 2005 CHLA meeting in Toronto, and recruited new members from beyond our traditional "southern Ontario" boundaries.

OUR VISION

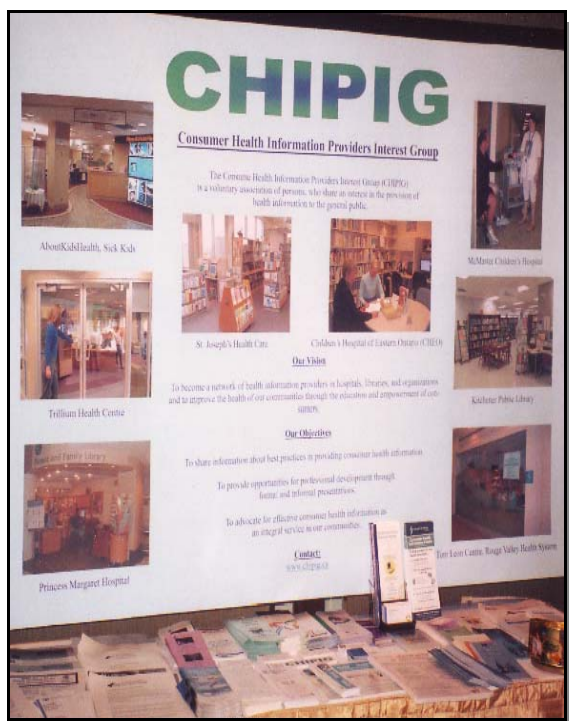
The CHIPIG vision is to become a network of health information providers in hospitals, public libraries, and organizations, across Canada who improve the health of our communities through the education and empowerment of consumers.

CHIPIG CONNECTIONS

CHIPIG Connections' goal is to inform and educate readers about the different Health Information Centres associated to CHIPIG. Through this newsletter we strive to recognize the importance of Consumer Health Information and to expand consumer health information towards all of our communities. As a new affiliate of CHLA, this newsletter aims at featuring programs and workshops of various Health Information Centre's

**For more information about
CHIPIG visit our Website at
www.chipig.ca**

CHIPIG's Toronto Walking Tour



CHIPIG'S Walking Tour!

During the **Canadian Health Library Associations (CHLA)** "World Around the Corner" annual conference from May 30th to June 3rd, CHIPIG organized their first annual walking tour of some of the various Hospital Resource Centre's in downtown Toronto. This tour marked our first formal event as an affiliate of the CHLA and we were pleased with the overwhelming response to our networking event. Beginning at Marion Powell Women's Health Information Centre, continuing onto the Hospital for Sick Children, Family Resource Centre and ending at the Princess Margaret Hospital Patient Education Centres, the tour was received very warmly by an international group of individuals who attended the conference.

Many participants were impressed with the locations and services offered at the various Resource Centres that were visited on the tour. Each individual tour brought forth many incredible ideas concerning consumer health and reiterated the need to continue to provide the best and most accurate information for consumer care. Most participants commented on the importance of being able to get a "hands-on" feel for what the various centres were accomplishing and to be able to **see** the centres first hand. In addition to the well-organized and interesting tours, a reception at Princess Margaret Hospital capped off an incredible event that provided a sharing of ideas on Consumer Health Information.

Many CHIPIG members worked hard to make this event happen in a very short time and it is important to acknowledge our hosts, MaryAnne House from Women's College, Kimberly Meighan from the Hospital for Sick Children, Michelle Arbuckle from the Princess Margaret Hospital and to Susan Himel who spearheaded this initiative.

Despina Papadopoulos

For more information on our
Tour visit our website at
www.chipig.ca
or for information on the
CHLA world conference visit
www.chla-absc.ca/

Upcoming Events.

Each Issue of **CHIPIG CONNECTIONS** will feature upcoming events from various Resource Centres and Libraries throughout Canada.

Five Facts you should know about Holistic Health

°Learn about holistic health.

°Find out why research into alternative healthcare practices such as acupuncture or vitamin/ mineral supplements is not always reliable and what one new organization is doing to change

Speaker: **Dr. Aileen Burford-Mason**
President of the Holistic Health
Research Foundation of Canada.

Wednesday, September 28, 2005,
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Beeton Auditorium

Toronto Reference Library,
789 Yonge St., Toronto, ON
M4W 2G8



Healthstyles Events

Health Education for the community about current health issues

Diabetes, Finding Out What's New

Tuesday, November 1, 2005 7 pm – 9pm
St. Joseph's Centre for

Ambulatory Health Services

2757 King Street East, Hamilton

Health, Age, and Safe Driving: What's the Connection

An event for drivers, families, and friends

Thursday, November 3, 2005

2 pm – 4pm (displays at 1:30pm)

St. Michael's Anglican Church

1188 Fennell Avenue East, Hamilton

www.stjosham.on.ca/sjhh/news.htm

Finding Information about Childhood Problems.

This **one session workshop** is aimed at **helping parents find resources and information on a variety of behavioural, emotional and neurological problems that children experience.**

When: **October 5, 2005**

What Time: **6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

Where: **McMaster Children's Hospital
Family Resource Centre, Chedoke Site
Evel Building, Rm. 140
Sanatorium Rd.**



For more information
or to register
call (905) 521-2100 ext. 77243.

Locating Reliable Health Information on the Internet

This workshop highlights electronic resources for researching health and wellness. Learn to use the *Virtual Reference Library*, the *Canadian Health Network*, *MedlinePlus*, and health databases subscribed to by the library.

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.- 12 noon

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2-4 pm.

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.- 12 noon

Registration required.

Call User Education at 416-393-7209



For our first newsletter we are including a contact phone list of groups associated to CHIPIG. For complete contact information visit www.chipg.ca.

Alberta

Family Community Resource Centre
Alberta Children's Hospital
Judy Kirton
403-943-7745

Barrie

Health Information Centre
Royal Victoria Hospital
Colleen McKee
705-728-9090 X4689

Brantford

Resource Library
Stedman Hospice Centre
St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre
Cheryl Moore
519-751-7096 EXT. 2500

Hamilton

Consumer Health Info. Services
St. Joseph's Healthcare
Judith Purdell-Lewis
905-573-4810

Mental health and Wellness
Resource Centre St. Joseph's
Healthcare
Fiona Orison
905-522-1155 x 5406

Family Resource Centres
McMaster Children's Hospital
Hamilton Health Sciences Corp.

Chedoke site
Despina Papadopoulos
905-521-2100 x 77243

McMaster site
Lorie Hedger
905-521 2100 x 73536

Rehabilitation Resource Centre
Lisa Innes
905-521-2100 x 74298

Toronto

About Kids Health, Family Resource
Centre The Hospital for Sick Children
Kimberley Meighan
416 813-6528

Consumer Health Information
Service
Toronto Reference Library
Susan Murray
416 393-7168 or 1-800 667-1999

Marion Powell Women's Health
Information Centre, Women's
College Site
Mary Anne Howse
416-323-6036

Health Information Centre,
Sunnybrook and Women's
Marg Muir
416-480-4709

Patient Education Program
Princess Margaret Hospital
Michelle Arbuckle
416-946-4501 ext. 5644

The Health Resource and
Wellness Centre
Toronto Western Hospital
Rachel Smith
416-603-5800 x2544

University Health Network
Toronto General Hospital
Pamela Richards
416-340-4800 x5084

Tom Leon Health Resource Ctr.
Rouge Valley Health System
Valda Poplak
416-281-7101

Peter Llewellyn Health
Information Centre
Toronto East General Hospital
Carole Tullis
416-469-6580 ext 6010

Family Resource Centre
Bloorview MacMillan
Children's Centre
416-425-6200 ext 3650

AIDS Committee of Toronto
Library Contact Information
Erica Lee
416-340-8484, ext. 303

Health Resource Centre
Humber River Regional Hospital
Lynn Barber
416-243-4648

Kitchener

HealthLink
Kitchener Public Library
Consumer Health & Medical Infor-
mation
Ann Celestine
519-743-7502 x230

Mississauga/Etobico

Trillium Health Centres
Health Information and
Wellness Centre
Liz Gibbon
416 521-4187 (Etobiko)
Susan Himel
905 848-7511 (Missauga)

Consumer Health Information
Central Library Sciences Dept.
Mississauga Library System
Elizabeth Puckering
905-615-3582

Oakville

Halton Health Services
Joanne Radulovich
905-338-4690, ext 6746

Ottawa

Kaitlin Atkinson Family Resource
Library
Children's Hospital of Eastern
Ontario (CHEO)
Patricia Johnston
613-737-7600 x2270

Health Info Sante
Ottawa Public Library
Marcia Aronson
613-236-0302 x 561

Canadian Dental Hygienists
Association
Resource Centre/Library
Nancy Roberts
613-224-5515 ext. 22

Peterborough

Women's Health Care Centre
Peterborough Regional Health
Centre
Judy Marshall
705-743-4132

Is your centre missing?
E-mail: papadopo@hhsc.ca
with your details!