



CHAIR

Coalition for Healthcare
Acquired Infection Reduction

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CHAIR IS A VOLUNTEER, NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUP OF INDUSTRY AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE HEALTHCARE ACQUIRED INFECTIONS (HAIs). WE BELIEVE MANY HAIs CAN BE ELIMINATED BY MANAGING THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WITHIN FACILITIES.

“Our vision is to reduce HAIs by 80% by 2024”

AN 80% REDUCTION IN HAI **SAVES 8,000 LIVES**. REDUCE ACQUIRED INFECTIONS BY 160,000 CASES, AND WE CAN **SAVE \$3.2 – \$4 BILLION** ANNUALLY.

For information about CHAIR or how to become a CHAIR member go to <http://chaircanada.org>

CHAIR Canada 2017 Leadership Award

This year’s Coalition for Healthcare Acquired Infection Reduction (CHAIR) 2017 Leadership Award was announced at the 37th Annual Conference of the Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society on September 16th.

The award program recognizes healthcare engineering professionals for their contribution to healthcare acquired infection reduction.

CHAIR's 2017 Leadership Award was presented to John Widdis, of Collingwood General and Marine Hospital by CHAIR's Chairman, Barry Hunt at the CHES National Opening Reception.



Left to right: Barry Hunt of CHAIR, John Widdis, Manager Facilities Operations Collingwood General & Marine Hospital

Mr. Widdis received this award for his leadership in providing Engineered Infection Prevention (EIP) technology in the Emergency Department Redevelopment Project. EIP included bathroom AutoUV disinfection, bathroom UV continuous air disinfectant, and bedside self-disinfecting ozonated water sinks.