



# 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.

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

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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.

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## CHAIR Chairman, Barry Hunt, and Deputy Chairman, Richard Dixon, are Published!

On October 31, 2016 an article written by CHAIR, Chairman, Barry Hunt and CHAIR, Deputy Chairman, Richard Dixon was published in the Fall Journal of Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society.

Hunts' article on "*Seeing The Light: UVC light engineer's weapon in battle against superbugs,*" addresses the significant reduction in bioburden when patient rooms were disinfected with mobile ultraviolet C (UVC) light devices operated by environmental services at terminal discharge.

While Dixons' article "*An Engineered Intervention: VGH undertakes clinical investigation of bone marrow transplant unit in hopes of reducing HAIs*" speaks on the CHAIR Canada facilitated management of the project, called GEnBMT (genomics and engineering for bone marrow transplant), in collaboration with the grant team, BMT unit staff and VCH facility maintenance.

Both articles address different aspects of infection prevention and can be found under the "*Resources*" section of the CHAIR Site.