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# A Message from our Chair...

April showers bring May flowers. Here in Newfoundland and Labrador, the tulips are just starting to peak through the ground and the pussy willows are budding on the trees as Spring is attempting to finally push Winter away! We feel the warmth from the sun on our face and the snow banks are melting. Awww... we've made it through another NL winter!

On behalf of the all committee members, I would like to extend an huge thank you to Lisa MacKenzie as she completes her tenure as Chair of the NL Chapter. Lisa was our first Chapter Chair under the new CHIMA Chapter Model. Under Lisa's guidance we transitioned from the NLHIMA and realigned our province with CHIMAs Provincial Chapter Model. Her knowledge and leadership will be surely be missed. Lisa, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

As we move into a new fiscal year, the ultimate goal of our Chapter is to build excitement of our profession as Health Information Management Professionals in our province! New and fresh ideas are always welcome to help advance the HIM profession in our beautiful province and I'd like to encourage you to become involved with the NL Chapter—it's a great way to develop leadership skills, meet and work with new people. HIM is on the move in our province and we need your help to spread the word!! Follow this link to [Become a Volunteer](#) or contact any NL Chapter member.

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring!

Tracy Burt, CHIM  
CHIMA NL Chair



# Regional Updates



WHAT'S  
NEW?

## ***EASTERN HEALTH***

Congratulations to **Cynthia Tucker** who retired on December 31, 2018. We wish you all the best as you begin this new chapter of your life!

Welcome is extended our new hires — **Holly Winsor, Stephanie Osbourne, Monica Stacey and Dawn Carroll** joining the Eastern Health Team as Medical Records Technicians

**Susan Harding** has accepted a new position as Health Records Analyst.

## ***CENTRAL HEALTH***

The pilot project for Coding/Abstracting from home is complete. Central Health now has three coders working from home!

Warm welcome extended to **Melissa Boone** who is currently completing the Year One of the Health Information Management program. We look forward to assisting Melissa throughout her studies over the next few of years!

Pink or Blue?? We have two babies on the way! **Joanne St. Croix** (and Mark) are expecting baby #3 in September! Mommy will have lots of help from big sisters Isla and Kiera! As well, **Shelley Conway** (and Todd) are expecting their first baby in October! Whilst feeling a little sick at the moment they are very very excited!!

## ***LABRADOR GRENFELL***


Congratulations to **Penney Reid** who is finishing up her Health Information Management Program at the end of May. Penney will be challenging the CHIMA Certification Exam in July! Good Luck Penney!

## ***WESTERN HEALTH***

No update available at this time.

If you'd like to contribute to the NL Chapter Newsletter

please email [nlchapter@echima.ca](mailto:nlchapter@echima.ca) or contact any of the CHIMA NL Chapter Committee members.





## ***Newfoundland and Labrador's Iceberg Alley***

**When it comes to viewing icebergs, Newfoundland & Labrador is one of the best places in the world.**

On a sunny day, these 10,000-year-old glacial giants are visible from many points along the northern and eastern coasts. They come in every shape and size, with colours from snow-white to deepest aquamarine. Despite their arrival from the Arctic every spring, our awe of them remains new, year after year. Icebergs are not to be underestimated. In 1912, only 400 miles from our coast, an iceberg like these sank the infamous *Titanic*.

It's taken them 10,000 years to get here, but you can discover them with just a click— ***Iceberg Finder***. Sometimes, these frosty giants are spotted from outer space, other times, from a sliver of our 29,000 km of coastline.

### **Where to Watch**

Iceberg Alley stretches from the coast of Labrador to the southeast coast of the island of Newfoundland. Some of the more popular places from shore, or from tour boats, are (from north to south): St. Lewis, Battle Harbour, Red Bay, Point Amour, St. Anthony, La Scie, Twillingate, Fogo Island, Change Islands, Bonavista, St. John's / Cape Spear, and Bay Bulls / Witless Bay. All these locations are accessible by road. The first four, which are on the coast of southern Labrador, can be accessed by car ferry from the island of Newfoundland year-round. The further north, the longer the iceberg season.

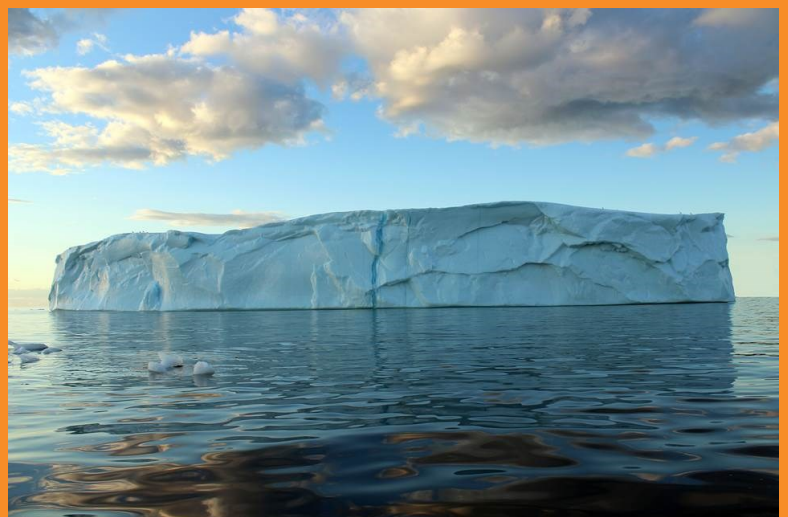
### **Time of Year**

The icebergs come through Iceberg Alley from spring to early summer. As you move north, the season stretches a bit longer. April and May are the months when bergs are most plentiful, but they may be locked up in sea ice, so we suggest late May and early June for best viewing.

### **Ways to Watch**

The best ways to watch icebergs are by boat tour, kayak, and from land. Many tourism operators around the province offer boat tours designed to show you the icebergs at their best, along with our visiting whales and numerous sea birds. You can also paddle yourself out to have a look or stand on our amazing coastline and watch them sail by (although they don't move that quickly).

Visit [Tourism NL](https://www.tourismnl.com) for more information.





## Continuing Professional Education

### Did you know.....

### **There is a new way to track your CPE credits !!**

**CHIMA's philosophy on Professional Development, as stated in tenet six of the Code of Ethics, is for members "to strive to improve one's professional knowledge and competence through continuing education and lifelong learning."**

### **Did you know CHIMA has a NEW, simpler , more effective way to track your CPE credits?**

The process changed as of March 1, 2019 and the revised policy is simplified, better organized, and more comprehensive, allowing more forms of CPE credits.

On March 1, 2019, CHIMA simplified the CPE categories, moving from 9 categories and 31 sub categories to 6 broader categories.

Work to streamline the online CPE tracking system continues. In the interim, we developed a downloadable, easy-to-use tool for members to track CPE credits. This tool is an Excel document organized to offer quick selection of the new CPE categories while tabulating the CPE credits when entered. There are examples provided within the CPE Tracking Tool.

CPE cycles ending February 28, 2019: Please log in to the Members Only area to track credits in the online system.

CPE cycles ending after March 1, 2019: Please download the CPE Tracking Tool to track credits. Members are only required to track CPE credits in the Excel CPE Tracking Tool, please **do not track your CPE credits in the online tracking system.**

The new CPE Credit Tracking Tool and Professional Education Policy can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Be sure to check [News and Events](#) regularly for up to date information from CHIMA.

# Free CPE Sessions...



Did you know....

***There are currently 12 free CPE sessions available on eCHIMA?***

“Supporting New Leaders in Gaining Foundational Skills”

“It’s More Than Just Collecting Patient Data”

“Connect Care—Shaping the Future of Healthcare in Alberta”

“Creating Your Healthy Workstation”

“Busy Professional on the Go”

“AN HIM Perspective in Informatics”

“National Surgical Quality Improvement Program – Ontario Collaborative”

“Provincial Healthcare Violence Prevention Framework”

“Social Media and the Workplace”

“What you need to know about “The Need to Know”

“Create your best Life in 2019—And Beyond!”

“Release of Information under the Personal Health Information Act (NS)”

Take some time to view each of these sessions—it’s great to see the fantastic work that’s happening across the country and an awesome way to get ***FREE CPE CREDITS!***