

IPC.6
The hospital has an infection prevention and control annual plan.

- IPC.6.1 The hospital has infection prevention and control annual plan that addresses the epidemiologically important infections, processes, and devices that are associated with risk of healthcare-associated infections as identified by the hospital.
- IPC.6.2 The plan includes measures for patient safety (standard precautions, transmission based isolation, different care bundles).
- IPC.6.3 The plan includes measures for staff safety (e.g., staff immunization and post exposure management).
- IPC.6.4 The plan includes measures for staff, and patient/family education.
- IPC.6.5 The plan is evaluated and approved annually by the infection prevention and control committee.
- IPC.6.6 The plan includes metrics of required changes in targets and goals to reduce hospital acquired infections.

IPC.7
Policies and procedures guide the infection prevention and control program.

- IPC.7.1 Infection prevention and control policies and procedures are developed by the infection prevention and control staff and approved by the infection prevention and control committee.
- IPC.7.2 Infection prevention and control policies and procedures are collaboratively developed with medical staff, nursing staff, and other internal and external relevant stakeholders.
- IPC.7.3 Infection prevention and control policies and procedures are organized in one manual.
- IPC.7.4 The infection prevention and control manual is readily available to all relevant staff and in all patient care areas.

IPC.8
The hospital provides continuing education on infection prevention and control practices to staff, patients, families, and other caregivers as indicated by their involvement in the care process.

- IPC.8.1 The hospital provides continuing education for relevant staff on:
 - IPC.8.1.1 Hospital wide policies, procedures, and practices of the infection prevention and control program.
 - IPC.8.1.2 Departmental policies, procedures, and practices of the infection prevention and control program based on the service provided.
- IPC.8.2 The hospital provides education on infection prevention and control to patients, families, and other caregivers as appropriate.
- IPC.8.3 New staff receive an orientation to the hospital's infection prevention and control policies and procedures upon hiring. Training records are maintained in their files.

IPC.9
There is a continuous surveillance of healthcare-associated infections.

- IPC.9.1 There are policies and procedures which define the types of surveillance to be carried out with regard to healthcare-associated infections.
- IPC.9.2 There are written standardized definitions for identification of healthcare-associated infections.
- IPC.9.3 The policies and procedures define how data will be collected, analyzed, and used.
- IPC.9.4 The monitoring process includes using indicators related to infection issues that are epidemiologically important to the hospital.