

**IPC.4**
**ESR**
**There is a designated multidisciplinary committee that provides oversight of the infection prevention and control program.**

- IPC.4.1 The infection prevention and control committee is chaired by the hospital director or the medical director.
- IPC.4.2 The membership of the infection prevention and control committee includes representatives from the medical staff, nursing staff, microbiology, operating room, central sterilization service, pharmaceutical care, dietary services, housekeeping, infection prevention and control staff, and other departments as needed.
- IPC.4.3 The infection prevention and control committee meets on a regular basis (at least quarterly).
- IPC.4.4 Functions of the infection prevention and control committee include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - IPC.4.4.1 Review of the hospital infection prevention and control policies and procedures.
  - IPC.4.4.2 Review of the reports of healthcare-associated infections surveillance submitted regularly by the infection prevention and control team and suggestion of appropriate actions.
  - IPC.4.4.3 Revision of the yearly plan submitted by infection prevention and control team and suggestion of additions/changes if necessary.
  - IPC.4.4.4 Evaluates and revises on a continuous basis the procedures & the mechanisms developed by the infection prevention & control team to serve established standards and goals.
  - IPC.4.4.5 Brings to the attention of the infection prevention & control team new infection control issues arising in different departments of the hospital & suggests solutions.
  - IPC.4.4.6 Each member of the committee acts as an advocate of infection prevention & control in his department, trying to promote its principles, and ensures application of its rules.

**IPC.5**
**The hospital designs and implements a coordinated program to reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in patients, visitors, and healthcare workers.**

- IPC.5.1 There is a program to reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infections which involves patients, families, staff, volunteers, trainees and visitors.
- IPC.5.2 The program applies to all areas of the hospital.
- IPC.5.3 The program is guided by an annual infection prevention and control plan.
- IPC.5.4 The program addresses the unique situations of the hospital and its community such as patient populations, complexity of care provided, climate, and location.
- IPC.5.5 The infection prevention and control program is based on:
  - IPC.5.5.1 Risk assessment.
  - IPC.5.5.2 Current scientific knowledge.
  - IPC.5.5.3 Referenced practice guidelines.
  - IPC.5.5.4 Applicable laws and regulations.