

Infection Prevention and Control Standard Intents

IPC.1 Hospital leaders support an infection prevention and control program.

- IPC.1.1 Hospital leaders allocate adequate resources such as equipment and supplies for the support of the infection prevention and control program.
 - IPC.1.2 Information management system supports the infection prevention and control program.
 - IPC.1.3 When some infection prevention and control functions are outsourced (e.g., sterilization or laundry), the hospital provides oversight and management of the contract through the process described in the “Leadership” chapter in this manual.
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Standard Intent:

Effective implementation of an infection prevention and control program requires the leaders of the hospital to ensure that the program has adequate resources to be effectively carried out. The program must be managed by adequate staff to meet the program goals and the needs of the hospital. The infection prevention and control program requires resources to provide education to all staff, equipment, and supplies, such as alcohol hand rubs for hand hygiene, surface disinfectant, availability of internet...etc. Information management systems are important resources to support the tracking of risks, rates, and trends in health care–associated infections. Information management functions support data analysis, interpretation, and presentation of findings. The hospital leaders should provide evidence for oversight and management of outsourced service contract.

IPC.2 There is a qualified professional responsible for directing the infection prevention and control program.

- IPC.2.1 The infection prevention and control Program is supervised by a healthcare professional qualified by education, training and experience.
- IPC.2.2 The supervisor of the infection prevention and control program reports to the hospital leadership.
- IPC.2.3 The supervisor of the infection prevention and control program is responsible for managing and strategizing the infection prevention and control program, including:
 - IPC.2.3.1 Developing the annual infection prevention and control plan and assuring its implementation.
 - IPC.2.3.2 Reviewing the daily activities of the structure responsible for infection prevention and control (e.g., infection prevention and control department or team).
 - IPC.2.3.3 Ensuring coordination of all aspects of the infection prevention and control activities.