

**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.