



Introduction to Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

Session 1





Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, the participants should be able to:

- Define “infection prevention and control (IPC)” and “healthcare-associated infections (HAIs)”
- Describe the historic evolution of IPC
- Describe the chain of infection
- Explain the benefits of adherence to IPC practices
- Describe structures for management and coordination of IPC



Definition of Terms

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC):

- A set of practices, protocols, and procedures that are put in place to prevent transmission of infections that are associated with healthcare settings

Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs):

- Infections that patients develop during the course of receiving healthcare treatment for other conditions, and
- Occupational health infections acquired by healthcare workers