

Project Overview

National Infection Prevention and Control Initiative (NYCDOHMH/CDC)

JUST THE FACTS

Goal

- To enhance infection control capacity in healthcare facilities, sectors, and systems.

Objectives

- Build collaborative relationships between NYCDOHMH and our healthcare partners
- Assist healthcare facilities to assess their infection control (IC) programs
- Provide resources to address areas identified for improvement
- Develop IC training and education programs to address the needs of NYC healthcare facilities

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Background

In March of 2014, West Africa began experiencing the largest Ebola outbreak on record. A few months later, the U.S. public health system was challenged with the first of three domestic cases of Ebola which highlighted vulnerabilities in infection control practices within the U.S. healthcare system. Routine lapses in infection control result in an estimated 700,000 domestic healthcare-associated infections annually, strongly supporting the need to improve infection control infrastructure and practice in our healthcare system. Current policies and practices are highly variable, leaving gaps in patient and provider protection from healthcare-associated infections.

Program Overview

The Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) program is a national quality initiative developed and funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which supports state and local health departments to build the infection prevention and control capacity in their jurisdictions.

Through the program, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) will be working with healthcare facilities to complete a CDC-developed **Guided Self-Assessment** tool designed to identify strengths and potential gaps in their Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) programs.

How do I participate?

➤ Before the visit

- Identify a primary point of contact (e.g. Infection Control Practitioner, Nurse Supervisor)
- You will be asked to complete an infection control survey

➤ Site visit, where we will

- Give a brief introductory presentation
- Review the survey with you
- Observe key infection control practices with facility's staff (optional)
- Offer advice and recommendations
- Discuss improvement planning, with DOHMH offering tailored technical expertise
- Distribute an information packet at completion of visit

<p>What types of facilities can participate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hospitals ➤ Long term care ➤ Ambulatory clinics ➤ Urgent Care Centers ➤ Dialysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After the visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will provide you with a summary report ○ We will arrange a follow-up discussion to check-in on progress and answer any questions <p>Good to Know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Your participation is voluntary ➤ Visits are non-regulatory ➤ Knowledge gained through the program can help the CDC and health departments develop better infection prevention training and education programs in the future
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If You Want To Know More

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