

<div>Module 3</div> <div>Section A: Planning and Implementing Risk-Based IPCPs</div> <div>Term</div> <div>IPC team</div> <div>APIC CIC Learning System</div> <div>© 2025</div>	<div>The group of people responsible for carrying out all aspects of the IPC program as delegated by facility leadership; the core of this team includes the IP, the chair of the IPC committee, the healthcare epidemiologist (if this position is staffed at the facility), and possibly someone responsible for occupational health or administration.</div>
<div>Module 3</div> <div>Section A: Planning and Implementing Risk-Based IPCPs</div> <div>Term</div> <div>Infection prevention and control program (IPC program)</div> <div>APIC CIC Learning System</div> <div>© 2025</div>	<div>An evidence- and risk-based comprehensive system that promotes a culture of patient safety, sets policies and procedures to minimize or reduce healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in hospitals and other healthcare settings, monitors compliance, and addresses the need to continuously improve.</div>
<div>Module 3</div> <div>Section A: Planning and Implementing Risk-Based IPCPs</div> <div>Term</div> <div>Infection preventionist (IP)</div> <div>APIC CIC Learning System</div> <div>© 2025</div>	<div>Professionals who make sure that healthcare workers and residents are doing all the things they should to prevent infections. (APIC)</div>
<div>Module 3</div> <div>Section A: Planning and Implementing Risk-Based IPCPs</div> <div>Term</div> <div>Risk assessment</div> <div>APIC CIC Learning System</div> <div>© 2025</div>	<div>A diagnostic tool for identifying trends and interventions that will help prevent and control infections.</div>

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Section B: Patient Safety

Term
Adverse event

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Any negative impact event involving one or more patients in a healthcare setting, including but not limited to sentinel events, drug-related errors, HAIs (including surgical site infections), technical or nontechnical competency errors, diagnostic mishaps, therapeutic mishaps, or process errors.

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Section B: Patient Safety

Term
Lapse

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An internal failure occurring from failures of memory and memory storage.

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Term
Near-miss

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An event in which the unwanted consequences were prevented because there was a recovery by planned or unplanned identification and correction of the failure. (AHRQ)

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Section B: Patient Safety

Term
Organizational culture

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The set of values, guiding beliefs, or ways of thinking that are shared among members of an organization.

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Section B: Patient Safety

Term
Sentinel event

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An event resulting in death or serious physical or psychological harm or the risk thereof.

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Section B: Patient Safety

Term
Slip

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An external failure in a plan due to reduced intentionality.

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*Section D: IPC Risk Assessment Tools, and
Other Risk Assessments*

Term
Checklist

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A tool that helps ensure that each list element is thoroughly considered or reviewed, that nothing is missed; checklist elements should reflect evidence-based good practices and requirements.

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*Section E: Planning for Quality Assurance and
Performance Improvement*

Term
Balancing measure

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A performance measure that looks at a system from multiple angles or dimensions to avoid unintended consequences from a change in a different part of the system.

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Section E: Planning for Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement

Term
Clinical measure

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A type of performance measure designed to evaluate the processes or outcomes of care associated with the delivery of clinical services, to allow for intra- and interorganizational comparisons to be used to continuously improve resident health outcomes, and to focus on the appropriateness of clinical decision making and implementation of these decisions.

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Minimum performance threshold

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The level below which the process being used to reach a higher goal needs revision or improvement.

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Mission statement

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A description of the organization's purpose or goal; used to guide decision making and actions.

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Term
Performance improvement

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An ongoing continuous cycle that focuses on resident clinical outcomes, customer satisfaction, and service.

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Performance measure

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A quantitative tool that provides an indication of an organization's performance in relation to a specified process or outcome.

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Quality assurance

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A process of meeting quality standards and assuring that care reaches an acceptable level. (CMS)

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Structural measure

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A measure that assesses features of a healthcare organization or clinician relevant to its capacity to provide healthcare. (CMS)

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Vision statement

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A snapshot of an organization's intended future.

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Section F: Implementing Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement

Term
Care bundle

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A small, straightforward set of evidence-based practices that, when performed collectively and reliably, have been proven to improve patient outcomes. (IHI).

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Section F: Implementing Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement

Term
Failure mode and effect analysis (FMEA)

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A systematic, proactive method for evaluating a process to identify where and how it might fail and to assess the relative impact of different failures in order to identify the parts of the process that are most in need of change.

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Term
Flowchart

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A diagram with boxes that show process steps, questions, people, systems, or other data of interest, with lines illustrating how the elements are interrelated.

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Gap analysis

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A technique to compare best practices with current processes and determine the steps to take to move from a current state to a desired future state.

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Term
Off-label use

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The application of a product for a purpose that is not included in the approved device labeling.

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Term
Pareto chart

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A type of bar chart that sorts a data series into vertical bars, each of which depicts an action or cause of interest, in descending order of height from left to right.

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Term
Product evaluation

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A process of appraisal that considers the value and significance of quality, cost, safety, and practitioner choice for product selection. (APIC)

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and Performance Improvement*

Term
Project charter

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A brief document that adds formality to the project process, sets the scope of the project, identifies a project manager and invests that person with budget and staffing authority, discusses high-level risks and assumptions, and sets budget and resource constraints.

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Term
Reproducibility

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Evaluates whether findings can be repeated consistently when applied to new populations, to different institutions, or by different individuals. (Quality Indicator Study Group)

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Term
Root cause analysis (RCA)

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A process for identifying the basic or causal factors that underlie variation in performance.

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*Section G: Preventing/Controlling the
Transmission of Infectious Agents*

Term
Airborne precautions

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Used to prevent the transmission of infectious organisms that remain suspended in the air and travel great distances due to their small size.

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Transmission of Infectious Agents*

Term
Breach of duty

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A deviation from the recognized standard of care.

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Transmission of Infectious Agents*

Term
Compounding

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The process of combining drug ingredients to prepare medications that are not commercially available (i.e., neonate, pediatric, and geriatric dosage forms or manufacturer-related drug shortages) or to alter commercially available medications to meet patient needs (e.g., dye-free, liquid).

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Term
Contact precautions

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Used to prevent the transmission of infectious organisms that are spread by contact with the patient or the patient's environment.

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Term
Droplet precautions

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Used to prevent the transmission of infectious organisms that are spread through large respiratory droplets from coughing, sneezing, or talking.

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Term
Protective environment

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A type of TBP that is designed to protect a patient from others who may be potentially harmful to them by placing them in a specialized area.

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Term

Standard precautions (SP) strategies

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A series of evidence-based procedures, used for all patients in all settings, to reduce the presence of microbiological agents in a healthcare facility and to prevent cross-contamination between HCP, patients, and the environment.

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Transmission of Infectious Agents*

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Transmission-based precautions (TBP)

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Procedures used with residents who are known or suspected to be infected or colonized with infectious agents, including certain epidemiologically important pathogens.

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*Section H: Controlling Infections Associated
with Medical Procedures*

Term

Community-acquired pneumonia (CAP)

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Pneumonia occurring in any patient admitted to the hospital from the community.

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Term

Healthcare-acquired pneumonia (HCAP)

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Pneumonia occurring in patients with any of the following special epidemiological characteristics: (1) hospitalized in an acute care hospital for 2 or more days within 90 days of the current infection; (2) resided in a nursing home or LTC facility; (3) received recent intravenous antibiotic therapy, chemotherapy, or wound care within the past 30 days of current infection; or (4) attended a hospital or hemodialysis clinic.

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Hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP)

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Pneumonia developing ≥ 48 hours after admission to the hospital.

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Non-ventilator hospital-acquired pneumonia (NV-HAP)

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Pneumonia identified in patients not on mechanical ventilation.

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Term
Pneumonia

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A severe inflammation of the lungs in which the alveoli (tiny air sacs) are filled with fluid.

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Term

Vascular access device (VAD)

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Any device used to access the vascular system for hemodynamic monitoring, medication administration, infusions, blood sampling, or dialysis. (APIC)

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Section H: Controlling Infections Associated with Medical Procedures

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Ventilator-associated event (VAE)

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A condition that results in a significant and sustained deterioration in oxygenation.

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Section H: Controlling Infections Associated with Medical Procedures

Term

Ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP)

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A type of HAP that develops in patients who have been intubated and have received mechanical ventilation for at least 48 hours.

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Section I: Vaccines

Term

Active immunization

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Antibodies against a specific disease produced by the immune system. Active immunity can be acquired in two ways: by contracting the disease, or through vaccination.

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Section I: Vaccines

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Antitoxin

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A solution of antibodies derived from the serum of animals immunized with specific antigens.

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Term
Immunobiologic

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An antigenic substance or antibody containing preparation used to induce immunity and prevent infectious disease.

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Section I: Vaccines

Term
Immunoglobulin (Ig)

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A sterile solution containing antibodies from human blood.

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Section I: Vaccines

Term
Passive immunization

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Use of an preparation containing antibodies produced by another human or animal to enhance or restore immunity.

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Section I: Vaccines

Term
Precaution

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A condition in a potential vaccine recipient that might increase the risk for either a serious adverse event or that might compromise the ability of the vaccine to produce immunity in the recipient.

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Section I: Vaccines

Term
Toxoid

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A modified (nontoxic) bacterial toxin that is capable of stimulating antitoxin formation.

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Section I: Vaccines

Term
Vaccine

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A preparation that is used to stimulate the body's immune response against diseases. (CDC)

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Section I: Vaccines

Term
Vaccine standing order

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A written protocol that allows trained and qualified healthcare professionals to assess the need for and administer certain vaccines to patients who meet specific criteria, without the need of a physician's exam.

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Section J: Infection Prevention Education

Term
Active learning

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The concept that learners learn more and retain their learning longer if they acquire it in an active rather than a passive manner.

<p>Module 3</p> <p><i>Section J: Infection Prevention Education</i></p>	
<p>Term</p> <p>Audits</p>	<p>Direct observations of HCP practices in the healthcare setting, often facilitated using checklists.</p>
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<p>Module 3</p> <p><i>Section J: Infection Prevention Education</i></p>	
<p>Term</p> <p>Certification</p>	<p>A standardized measure enabling a person to demonstrate a predetermined competency level deemed necessary for persons practicing infection prevention and control.</p>
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<p>Module 3</p> <p><i>Section J: Infection Prevention Education</i></p>	
<p>Term</p> <p>Continuing education</p>	<p>Opportunities to acquire general or focused knowledge through lecture, discussion, or interactive methods.</p>
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<p>Module 3</p> <p><i>Section J: Infection Prevention Education</i></p>	
<p>Term</p> <p>Formative evaluation</p>	<p>A training evaluation conducted during the planning of an educational session to provide immediate feedback and to allow appropriate changes to be made.</p>
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Section J: Infection Prevention Education

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Hawthorne effect

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When individuals modify their behavior in response to their awareness of being observed.

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In-service training

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Formal and/or informal work-related systematic training delivered on site in a group training session by the employer to provide continuing professional development related to HCP knowledge, skills, and behaviors.

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Licensure

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Recognition by a governmental agency (e.g., a state or provincial nursing or medical board) that an individual has met the minimum requirements to practice in the jurisdiction.

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Section J: Infection Prevention Education

Term

Return demonstration

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An activity in which HCP demonstrate proper exercise of a given competency by performing the required processes as they were taught.

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Summative evaluation

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A training evaluation that occurs after a program is completed to determine impact and overall effectiveness.

Module 3*Section K: Infection Prevention Research***Term**

Cohort

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A group sharing a common experience, such as the use of central lines.

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Implementation science

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Methods to promote the use of evidence-based practices to improve healthcare quality.