

### Vision: Healthcare without infection

### Mission: Create a safer world through prevention of infection

The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) is the leading professional association for infection preventionists (IPs) with more than 15,000 members. Our mission is to create a safer world through the prevention of infection. This is achieved by the provision of better care to promote better health at a lower cost. Most APIC members are nurses, physicians, public health professionals, epidemiologists, microbiologists, or medical technologists who:

- Collect, analyze, and interpret health data in order to track infection trends, plan appropriate interventions, measure success, and report relevant data to public health agencies.
- Establish scientifically based infection prevention practices and collaborate with the healthcare team to assure implementation.
- Work to prevent healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in healthcare facilities by isolating sources of infections and limiting their transmission.
- Educate healthcare personnel and the public about infectious diseases and how to limit their spread.

Many IPs are employed within healthcare institutions and also serve as educators, researchers, consultants, and clinical scientists. The majority of APIC members are affiliated with acute care settings. An increasing number practice in ambulatory and outpatient services where they direct programs that protect patients and personnel from HAIs. Members are also involved in long-term care, home health, and other practice settings where infection prevention and control is an increasing area of responsibility for nurses and other healthcare personnel. The healthcare system has reached a critical juncture between patient safety, infection prevention, and quality of care. Significant changes in where care is and will be delivered are central issues. These changes represent an unprecedented opportunity for infection preventionists to accelerate progress toward the elimination of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs). APIC leaders believe this is the right time to commit to an uncompromising vision and organize the association's mission and goals around a plan

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to advance toward healthcare without infection. We propose to advance our mission to create a safer world through the prevention of infection and embrace this bold direction through patient safety, implementation science, competencies and certification, advocacy, and data standardization.

## CHAPTER 057

### San Diego & Imperial County

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the APIC San Diego & Imperial County chapter is to improve patient care and safety through the implementation of infection prevention practices within the community it serves. APIC SD/IC advances its mission by influencing healthcare policy, promoting public awareness of healthcare associated infections and facilitating the growth, collaboration, development and competency of its members through quality education and CIC certification.

## Certification

The CIC® credential identifies healthcare professionals who have shown mastery in knowledge of infection prevention and control by sitting for and passing the certification exam. The CIC® shows a commitment to best practices in infection prevention and control and improved patient care and signals to your employer and colleagues that you are committed to your professional growth. For more information about certification, visit CBIC's website at [www.cbic.org](http://www.cbic.org)

## Chapter Meetings

The CIC® credential identifies healthcare professionals. A monthly lunch meeting with a continuing education presentation, a chapter business discussion, a CIC study session, and a great way to network with local Infection Preventionists and other industry partners.

For more information, visit our chapter website [SDAPIC.org](http://SDAPIC.org)

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