

Who Are Infection Preventionists?

Infection preventionists (IPs) are specially trained professionals, leaders, educators, and collaborators from diverse backgrounds, including nursing, public health, laboratory, and allied health fields.



IPs work on the frontlines to prevent infections in:

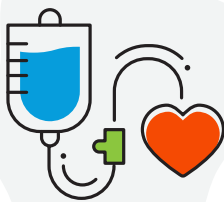
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AND HOSPITALS

Acute care to critical access



LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

Nursing homes to behavioral health



CLINICS

Ambulatory surgery to dialysis



HEALTH AGENCIES

Public health to government agencies

NON-HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

Schools to correctional and detention facilities



INDUSTRY SETTINGS

Manufacturers to supply chain companies



What Do IPs Do?

IPs promote a culture of safety and impact the health of patients, workers, staff, and community members. Their advocacy and work extend throughout the organization and the community.



Who Do IPs Work With?



HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP

Senior Leaders, managers, and supervisors

HEALTHCARE DEPARTMENTS

Clinical:

Physicians, nurses, therapists, pharmacists

Operational:

Food and nutritional services, environmental services, supply chain, facility maintenance professionals

PUBLIC HEALTH

Local, state, federal



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

First responders, regional healthcare coalitions, healthcare associations

REGULATORY AGENCIES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Accrediting organizations

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)

INDUSTRY

Medical device manufacturers, medical equipment and supply vendors, industry clinical/science liaisons

Learn more about the infection preventionist profession

SKILLS AND ROLES

Who are Infection preventionists?
[apic.org/who-are-infection-preventionists](https://www.apic.org/who-are-infection-preventionists)

IPs Save Lives (APIC video)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rPk9XhA700>

The Value of Infection Preventionists (APIC video)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43WV-vYza8c&t>

APIC Competency Model
[apic.org/infection-preventionist-ip-competency-model](https://www.apic.org/infection-preventionist-ip-competency-model)

HOW TO BECOME AN IP

Become an Infection Preventionist
[apic.org/what-is-an-infection-preventionist](https://www.apic.org/what-is-an-infection-preventionist)

Infection Preventionists: Healthcare Specialists
Dedicated to Infection Prevention and Control
[apic.org/IP-fact-sheet](https://www.apic.org/IP-fact-sheet)

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