

# Prevent Risks Before They Endanger Lives

## Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Services



You can make your organization safer for patients, staff, families, and visitors with a proactive Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) program. Working with Joint Commission International's (JCI's) team of Infection Prevention and Control consultants can help you reduce infection risks and improve patient safety while maintaining compliance with JCI standards.

With insight from our IPC consultants, you can learn leading practices for preventing infections in a variety of settings, such as acute care, nursing-centered care, and ambulatory services. Consultants focus on a wide range of areas, including disinfection and sterilization, construction, renovation, medical devices, the effectiveness of your infection prevention and control program and infection prevention in support services.

### Overview

Comprehensive infection prevention assessments help you evaluate your organization's policies and procedures, surveillance methods, data analysis, and infection prevention processes. Your team will work with expert JCI consultants to identify performance gaps using JCI standards and evidence-based leading practices. High-risk processes reviewed may include:

- Disinfection and sterilization
- Device-related infections
- Procedure-related infections
- Environmental service methods to prevent infections
- Reducing Multidrug-resistant Organisms (MDROs) and implementing antimicrobial stewardship in the organization

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### Ways To Improve

With JCI consultants you can:

- Prepare for Joint Commission International surveys
  - Identify infection prevention and control risks and create solutions to help bring your organization into compliance with standards, regulatory requirements, and leading practices
  - Employ performance improvement tools and strategies to improve patient safety and reduce infection risk
  - Strengthen your infection prevention team's performance
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## **Sampling of Infection Prevention-Focused Assessment Services**

**JCI Survey Preparation** helps you assess and improve infection prevention strategies throughout your organization.

**Mentoring and coaching services** will help you build more cohesive and proactive infection prevention processes. New staff will find this service particularly helpful.

**MDRO assessments**, including antimicrobial stewardship, provide you with guidance on techniques and processes that will help you decrease the incidence of epidemiologically significant and highly resistant pathogens in your facility. Assessments include pharmacy, infectious diseases, nursing and support services, and senior leadership.

**Focused Performance Improvement** provides you with structured analysis of process breakdowns, followed by exploration of root causes contributing to process failure. You'll be able to develop targeted solutions to address those specific points of breakdown, assisted by JCI consultants who are trained in the methods and tools of Lean Six Sigma, the DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control) approach, and change management strategies.

## **JCI Infection Prevention & Control Diploma Program\***

To help organizations strengthen IPC initiatives and develop their in-house expertise, JCI has created a distinctive Infection Prevention & Control Diploma Program. The comprehensive curriculum provides students with leading knowledge and skills so they can serve as IPC specialists in their own organizations, reducing infection risks for patients and staff and improving performance.

Students learn how to apply evidence-based tools and practices within their organizations and share practical solutions with their care teams. Program participants are better equipped to drive proven IPC practices and achieve sustainable results.

*\*Issuance of diplomas is not available in all territories. Please speak with a JCI representative for more details.*

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To learn more, visit [www.jointcommissioninternational.org/improve/prevent-and-control-infection/](http://www.jointcommissioninternational.org/improve/prevent-and-control-infection/).