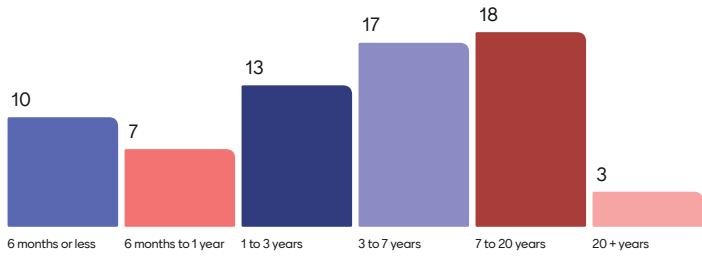


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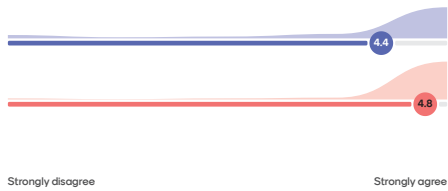


Core building blocks of an IPC Program of Excellence

- Includes key ancillary department partners
- Standardized IC policies that are department specific
- Routine education tailored to role and workflow
- Visible audit, feedback, and accountability
- Fast communication when risks or breaches



Let's Level Set...



Build the program that make excellence repeatable

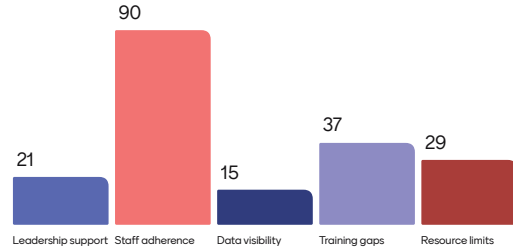
- Create standard processes for surveillance and reporting
- Use simple workflows for audit and feedback
- Ensure policies are practical and easy to use
- Track the measures that matter most

Start with a clear program design

- Utilize the IC committee process (interdisciplinary)
- Define the program purpose and scope
- Set governance, roles, and accountability
- Annual IPCP assessment, identification of gaps and set goals
- Make priorities visible across the organisation

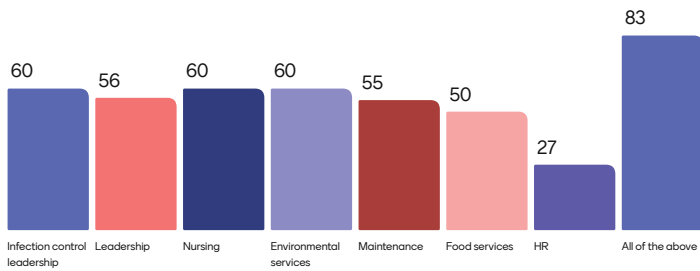


What is the biggest barrier in your IPC program today?



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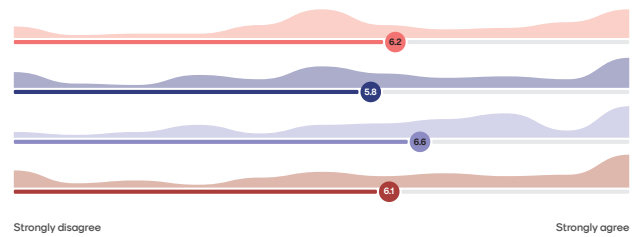
Who should be represented on the Infection Control Committee?



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How well do these statements describe current collaboration?



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Investing in IPC Program Excellence:

- Train for competence, not just completion
- Support local champions and unit-based ownership
- Use data to coach, not just to measure
- Keep improvement work visible and continuous



Signs of excellence in IPC programs

- Strong surveillance, audit, and feedback
- Fast response to risks, outbreaks, or breaches
- Good communication between IPC and ancillary teams
- Visible improvement in infection-related outcomes over time



Signs of excellence in IPC programs

- Regular staff education and refreshers
- Consistent hand hygiene and PPE practice



Signs of excellence in IPC programs

- Clear ownership across departments
- Leaders support accountability and remove barriers



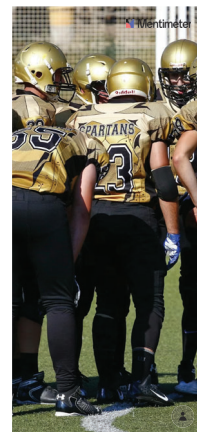
Why collaboration matters

- Infection prevention depends on consistent action across teams
- Ancillary partners influence risk, workflow, and compliance
- Shared expectations reduce variation and improve reliability
- Success requires clear roles, trust, and frequent communication



Practical collaboration strategies

- Use joint huddles to surface issues quickly
- Create simple escalation routes for IPC concerns
- Share data in a way each partner can act on
- Recognize teams that model the right behaviors

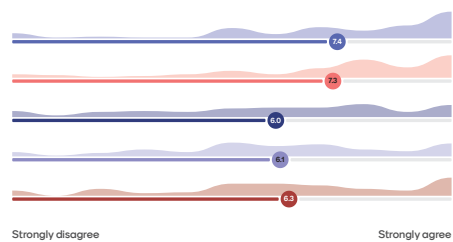


Review...

- IPC excellence depends on shared ownership across all departments
- Ancillary partners play a direct role in prevention, safety, and response
- Clear communication, training, and accountability drive better results
- Nursing homes and hospitals both need practical, role-based collaboration
- Strong committee representation helps turn plans into action



How well do these statements describe your current IPC program?



Use teamwork to close gaps that IPC cannot solve alone

QUOTE:

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."

-Phil Jackson



IPC Focus: Maintenance

- Keep high-touch surfaces, equipment, and shared spaces in good condition
- Respond quickly to leaks, ventilation issues, and repair needs
- Support safe cleaning access around work areas and equipment
- Use clear reporting paths for hazards that affect infection risk
- Work with IPC before major repairs, shutdowns, or room disruptions



IPC Focus: Environmental Services

- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces on a consistent schedule
- Use the right product, contact time, and sequence for each area
- Follow isolation room and terminal cleaning procedures carefully
- Report supply, equipment, or access issues that affect cleaning quality
- Partner with IPC on audits, feedback, and refresher training



IPC Focus: Food Services

- Follow safe hand hygiene and glove practices during preparation and delivery
- Keep equipment, carts, and storage areas clean and well maintained
- Prevent cross-contamination between raw, prepared, and served items
- Use temperature and cleaning checks to support food safety
- Coordinate with IPC when serving high-risk or isolated patients or residents



IPC Focus: Therapy Services

- Clean shared equipment before and after each use
- Follow hand hygiene and PPE practices during patient contact
- Coordinate scheduling to reduce exposure risk for isolated patients
- Report any equipment damage or contamination right away
- Work with IPC on safe transport, room entry, and discharge routines



IPC Focus: Administrator/Leadership

- Set clear expectations for infection prevention across departments
- Support staffing, supplies, and training needed for compliance
- Review IPC trends and action plans with leaders regularly
- Remove barriers that slow safe practices or follow-up
- Reinforce accountability and visibility at the leadership level



IPC Focus: Activities Department

- Plan activities to reduce crowding and unnecessary close contact
- Clean shared items and supplies between uses
- Support hand hygiene before and after group activities
- Adjust activities for residents or patients who need isolation
- Coordinate with IPC when changing room setup, group size, or flow



Examples of better collaboration

- Nursing homes – Infection control and housekeeping/environmental services review cleaning routines together after a rise in contact precautions
- Nursing homes – Nursing, dietary, and laundry teams agree on shared handoff steps for residents with isolation needs
- Hospitals – Infection control and environmental services conduct joint rounding on high-risk units
- Hospitals – Sterile processing, surgery, and IPC align on instrument workflow and escalation when contamination is suspected
- Across both settings – Teams use brief huddles, shared metrics, and clear follow-up owners



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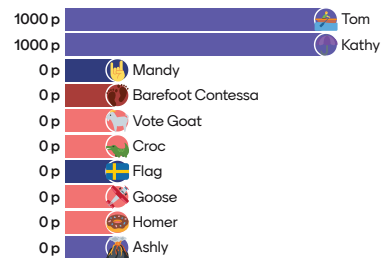
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Quiz leaderboard



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