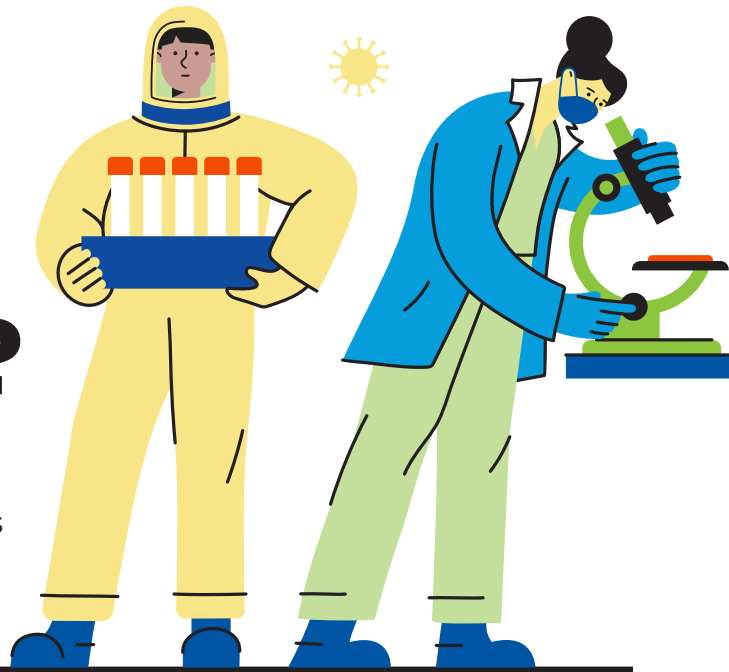


# Who Are Infection Preventionists?

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:

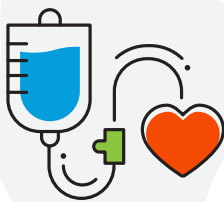
### HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AND HOSPITALS

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  
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Infection Preventionists: Healthcare Specialists  
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