



All prospective applicants for the APIC® Program of Distinction are strongly encouraged to conduct a self-assessment prior to applying for the program.

This Preliminary Readiness Assessment is a brief self-assessment tool, developed to identify gaps between a facility or health system's infection prevention and control (IPC) program and the key components of the APIC® Program of Distinction's standards. Although this tool is for internal use only, applicants are encouraged to address each question as thoughtfully and adequately as possible to ensure that this self-assessment serves as a truthful measurement of the organization's current readiness to apply for the APIC® Program of Distinction.

Key components	Comments
Surveillance Is the organization's surveillance plan consistent with the organization's infection prevention (or control) risk assessment and annual program evaluation? Are there program goals and objectives tied to surveillance data?	
Hand Hygiene Is the hand hygiene program organization-wide, and does it include a system for training, measuring, analyzing results, and giving feedback for improving results?	
Unusual Occurrence and Outbreak Investigation Are standardized processes used for discovering and managing an outbreak of infections, for addressing an unusual occurrence of infection, and for identifying processes that could be a risk for infection?	
Isolation Practices Does the organization have a comprehensive, standards-based system for isolation of patients with specific signs/symptoms, and suspected or identified infections?	
Safe Patient Care Equipment Are there standards-based processes in place for cleaning, disinfection, and/or sterilization of all items used in the care of patients?	



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<p>Safe Patient Care Environment</p> <p>Are the results of environmental rounds shared with leadership, and is there a system of managerial action planning for remedying any deficiencies found?</p> <p>Does the organizational infection prevention and control program include leadership and front-line participation of clinical, ancillary care, support services, and environmental services, including EVS, Facilities Management, Construction, Linen Services, Nutrition Services, and Waste Management?</p>	
<p>Emergency Management</p> <p>Does the organization's Emergency Response plan include infection prevention and control of infections that are unusual or emerging, and does the plan provide for managing a heavy influx of patients with a communicable disease?</p>	
<p>Employee Health</p> <p>Is there a comprehensive Employee/Occupational Health program for preventing and controlling the spread of infections among healthcare workers and patients?</p>	
<p>Antibiotic Stewardship</p> <p>Is the IPC program an integral part of the organization's antibiotic stewardship program?</p>	