

Infection Prevention Champions

Infection Prevention Champions are respected individuals with strong communication skills who are knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the topic at hand. These frontline personnel promote and lead healthcare-associated infection prevention efforts by engaging with and educating colleagues, solving problems, and communicating across all levels of leadership. Read about successful implementation of infection prevention champions at [CDC's Safe Healthcare Blog](#).*



Identify

Identify frontline personnel who are:

- ✓ Respected
- ✓ Courageous
- ✓ Enthusiastic
- ✓ Committed
- ✓ Effective communicators
- ✓ Team-oriented
- ✓ Open to new ideas
- ✓ Early adopters

Train

Provide training and resources:

- ✓ Facility-specific data for action
- ✓ Evidence and guidelines for infection prevention efforts
- ✓ List of personnel who may offer support for Champion activities
- ✓ Facility protocols for promoting initiatives

Empower

Facilitate Champion success:

- ✓ Offer leadership support
- ✓ Encourage patient-centered infection prevention
- ✓ Clearly define goals and timelines
- ✓ Encourage involvement from other personnel
- ✓ Help make interventions actionable

Sustain

Continue supporting your Champion:

- ✓ Align goals across leadership levels
- ✓ Conduct audits and provide feedback to personnel
- ✓ Offer ongoing opportunities to discuss concerns with personnel
- ✓ Ensure hand-off at the end of projects and initiatives

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