

Resources for Infection Preventionists in Skilled Nursing Facilities

Infection Preventionist Training for Skilled Nursing Facilities
Healthcare-Associated Infections Program
Center for Health Care Quality
California Department of Public Health



Objectives

- Review infection prevention resource websites for skilled nursing facilities
- Discuss suggested texts as references for new Infection Preventionist (IP)
- Describe various professional organizations that add value and resources to aid the IP

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- Public Health Partners

The Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program in the California Department of Public Health Center for Health Care Quality oversees the prevention, surveillance, and reporting of HAI and antimicrobial resistance (AR) in California's hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Unfortunately, infections acquired as a result of receiving health care remain a public health problem; most HAI are preventable by following infection prevention care practices. Since 2010, the HAI Program:

- Receives and publicly reports California hospital HAI data to provide hospital quality information to the public and prompt providers to take action to prevent infections;
- Follows up with hospitals that have high infection rates;
- Convenes statewide and regional HAI/AR prevention collaboratives to coordinate prevention efforts among facilities that commonly share patients;
- Assists local public health agencies to investigate unusual infection occurrences and outbreaks that occur in healthcare facilities.



Me And My Family

- HAI Definitions and Information
- Central line-associated Bloodstream



HAI Prevention and Reporting

- 2-Day Infection Prevention Course
- Adherence Monitoring Tools

[HAI Program Website](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/HAIProgramHome.aspx)

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HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAI) PROGRAM

Monitoring Adherence to
Healthcare Practices that
Prevent Infections Tools

Antimicrobial Resistance

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Preventing HAI in
California Skilled Nursing
Facilities (SNF)

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HAI Liaison IP Program

HAI Specific Legislation,
Regulations and AFLs

HAI Prevention and Reporting



What Can We Do To Prevent HAI?

Health care providers can take action to prevent healthcare-associated infections (HAI). Consistently adhering to core, evidence-based infection prevention practices reduces the risk of HAI and spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria or other pathogens. California law requires each hospital to designate a physician hospital epidemiologist (or committee chair) who has completed CME training specific to infection surveillance, prevention, and control. Hospitals must also provide annual infection prevention training to all staff and contractors (Health and Safety Code 1288.95).

From the HAI
Prevention and
Reporting homepage:
Click on “Preventing
HAI in California Skilled
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[Preventing HAI in California
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Establishing an Effective Infection Prevention and Control Program



Detecting and Controlling Outbreaks



Preventing the Most Common HAI



Using Antibiotics Appropriately



Ensuring a Clean and Safe Care Environment



Tracking Infections (Surveillance)



Preventing Transmission of Multi-drug Resistant Organisms

Establishing an Effective Infection Prevention and Control Program webpage



Establishing an Effective Infection Prevention and Control Program

What elements should be included in a SNF IP program?

A SNF IP program includes but is not limited to:

Element	Includes:
Visible, tangible leadership support for IP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership accountable for the success of infection prevention activities • Sufficient resources allocated so that infection prevention practice adherence is feasible • Individual with infection prevention training assigned to manage the program is given authority
A written annual risk assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of HAI in the facility over the past year • Gaps in infection prevention care practices such as hand hygiene, Standard and Trauma environmental cleaning and disinfection • Community rates of infectious disease such as tuberculosis (TB) and influenza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Review local public health reports for these data

Sample annual risk assessment

[Establishing an Effective Infection Prevention and Control Program](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNF_EstablishingIC_Program.aspx)

(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNF_EstablishingIC_Program.aspx)

Detecting and Controlling Outbreaks



Detecting and Controlling Outbreaks

ABOUT

Infection preventionists need to be able to identify any increase in disease frequency and unusual infectious disease occurrences, report the incident to their local health department (LHD) and CDPH Licensing & Certification District office, and implement appropriate infection control measures to protect residents and healthcare workers.

What is an outbreak?

An outbreak is defined by the occurrence of cases of a disease above the expected or baseline level, over a given period of time, in a geographic area or facility. The number of cases indicating the presence of an outbreak will vary according to the disease agent, size and type of population exposed, previous exposure to the agent, and the time and place of occurrence. For example, a single case of a communicable disease long absent from a population or the first invasion by a disease not previously recognized may warrant additional investigation as a possible outbreak.

How does an outbreak occur?

Outbreaks can result from lapses in infection control practices such as hand hygiene (HH), use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and environmental cleaning and disinfection. Occasionally, outbreaks occur as a result of a contaminated medical product or device.

How can SNF prevent outbreaks?

SNF should ensure consistent implementation and adherence monitoring of evidence-based infection prevention strategies to help prevent outbreaks. See the [Establishing an Effective IP Program webpage](#) for additional information on infection prevention strategies in SNF.

[Detecting and Controlling Outbreaks](#)

(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNF_DetectAndControlOutbreaks.aspx)

Preventing the Most Common HAI



Preventing the Most Common HAI

ABOUT

An estimated 1 to 3 million serious infections occur in SNF residents and as many as 380,000 die of their infections each year. Common HAI in SNF include urinary tract infection (UTI), pneumonia, and *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI).

Urinary tract infections (UTI)

Urinary tract infections (UTI) are the most common type of HAI in SNF. Asymptomatic bacteriuria is also common in SNF residents but does not always cause a UTI: 35-50% of SNF residents have asymptomatic bacteriuria, and residents with urinary catheters have a 3-10% increased risk of bacteriuria each day.

Prevention

- **Ensure adequate nutrition and hydration.**
- **Perform hand hygiene.**
- **Perform good personal hygiene, particularly perineal care.**
- **Assess for UTI symptoms.**
 - Ensure signs and symptoms are indicative of UTI. Key UTI symptoms include new or increased dysuria, frequency, incontinence, urgency, and costovertebral or suprapubic pain.
 - Screening for asymptomatic bacteriuria is not beneficial and is not recommended.
- **Use antibiotics only when appropriate.**
 - Prophylactic antibiotics are not recommended.
 - ~~Treating asymptomatic bacteriuria is not beneficial and is not recommended.~~

[Preventing the Most Common HAI](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNF_PreventingCommonHAI.aspx)

(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNF_PreventingCommonHAI.aspx)

SNF Antibiotic Stewardship Program Implementation Toolkit

Skilled Nursing Facility Antibiotic Stewardship Program Implementation Toolkit

The CDPH skilled nursing facility (SNF) antibiotic stewardship program (ASP) toolkit compiles resources for California SNF to implement ASP. The toolkit can be used by SNF medical directors, administrators, directors of nursing or staff development, infection preventionists, pharmacy consultants, and other staff seeking guidance, resources, and practical examples for developing ASP practices.

ASP optimize the treatment of infections and reduce unnecessary antibiotic use. Improving antibiotic use can reduce adverse events including *Clostridioides difficile* infections, prevent emergence of resistance, and lead to better outcomes for SNF residents.

In California, all SNF are required by law to implement an antibiotic stewardship policy consistent with guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, or similar recognized professional organizations. This toolkit is aligned with the CDC "[Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes \(PDF\)](#)". The toolkit includes suggestions for implementing the core elements as well as webinar recordings, examples and tools shared by SNF.



Element 1. Leadership Commitment

SNF leadership commitment support helps ensure adequate funding and staffing of the ASP, and facilitates buy-in among clinicians.

Suggestions:

- Create a written statement in support of ASP, including demonstration of adequate funding and staffing resources to support the program
- Establish antibiotic stewardship as a Performance Improvement Program under the facility Quality Assurance-Performance Improvement (QAPI) initiative as recommended by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Routinely review ASP activities during the facility quality improvement committee meetings

[Skilled Nursing Facility Antibiotic Stewardship Program Implementation Toolkit](#)

(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNF_ASP_Toolkit.aspx)

Environmental Cleaning



Role of Environmental Surfaces in Disease Transmission



Effective Cleaning Strategies



Monitoring Cleaning



Emerging Technologies



Barriers to Effective Cleaning and Disinfection

CDPH Adherence Monitoring Tools



Contact Precautions

Reduction of *C. difficile* and other multi-drug resistant organisms (MDRO) requires strict adherence to contact precautions and proper use of personal protective equipment. Use this tool to determine if staff members are correctly adhering to contact precautions practices. Feedback of results to staff has been shown to increase adherence to these practices.

- [Contact Precautions Adherence Monitoring Tool \(PDF\)](#)
- [CDC 2007 Guidelines for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings \(PDF\)](#)
- [CDC Guidance for the Selection and Use of Personal Protective Equipment in Healthcare Settings](#)



Environmental Services

Pathogens are transmitted in healthcare settings if rooms are not adequately cleaned and disinfected between patients. Adhering to appropriate environmental cleaning practices has been shown to increase adherence to these practices.

- [Environmental Services Adherence Monitoring Tool \(PDF\)](#)
- [Fluorescent Marker Assessment Adherence Monitoring Tool \(PDF\)](#)
- [CDC Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control](#)

Available tools for SNF:

- Contact Precautions
- Environmental Cleaning
- Hand Hygiene
- Central Line Maintenance
- Urinary Catheter Maintenance
- Blood Glucose Monitoring
- Injection Safety Practices

[CDPH Adherence Monitoring Tools](#)

(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/MonitoringAdherenceToHCPracticesThatPreventInfection.aspx)

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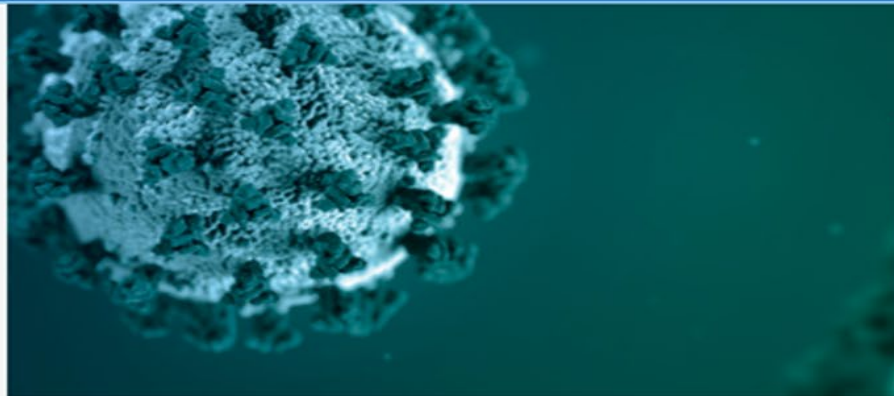
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Infection Control Guidance

- [Infection Control for Nursing Homes](#) >
- [Public Health Response in nursing Homes](#) >
- [Infection Control in Memory Care Units](#) >
- [Infection Control FAQs](#) >

SARS-CoV-2 Testing Guidance

- [Testing Nursing Home Residents](#) >
- [Testing Healthcare Personnel](#) >
- [Antigen Testing Guidelines](#) >
- [Facility-wide Testing in Nursing Homes](#) >
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Infection Control Assessment Tool

[Nursing Home COVID-19 Infection Control Assessment and Response \(NCARI\) Tool](#)

Tool to help nursing homes and assisted living facilities develop a comprehensive COVID-19 response plan.

Training Resources

[Solving COVID-19 Infection Control Strategies in Nursing Homes](#)
Clinical Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Webinar, June 18, 2020.

[CDC COVID-19 Main Page](#)

(www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-home-long-term-care.html)



Accessing CDC Training Website

Training Resources

[Applying COVID-19 Infection Control Strategies in Nursing Homes](#)

Clinical Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Webinar, June 16, 2020.

Case-based scenarios are used to discuss how to apply infection prevention and control guidance for nursing homes and other long-term care facilities preparing for and responding to COVID-19.

[Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course \(CDC TRAIN\)](#) 

CDC TRAIN course, a free service from the Public Health Foundation



[CDC Train Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course](#)

(www.train.org/cdctrain/training_plan/3814)

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Program Description:

[CDC Train Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course](http://www.train.org/cdctrain/training_plan/3814)

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Nursing Homes and Assisted Living (Long-term Care Facilities [LTCFs])

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Infection Prevention Training

The Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training course is designed for individuals responsible for infection prevention and control (IPC) programs in nursing homes.

The course was produced by CDC in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

This specialized nursing home training covers:

- Core activities of effective IPC programs.
- Recommended IPC practices to reduce:
 - Pathogen transmission
 - Healthcare-associated infections.
 - Antibiotic resistance

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[CME from CDC: What You Need to Know About Infection Control](http://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/training/cme-info.html)

(www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/training/cme-info.html)

[CDC Infection Prevention Training](http://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/training.html)

(www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/training.html)

CDC Infection Control Assessment and Response Tool (ICAR)

- I. Infection Control Program and Infrastructure
- II. HCP and Resident Safety
- III. Surveillance and Disease Reporting
- IV. Hand Hygiene
- V. Personal Protective Equipment
- VI. Respiratory/ Cough Etiquette
- VII. Antibiotic Stewardship
- VIII. Injection safety and Point of Care Testing
- IX. Environmental Cleaning

HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS PROGRAM

Section 2: Infection Control Program and Infrastructure

I. Infection Control Program and Infrastructure	
Elements to be assessed	Assessment
A. The facility has specified a person (e.g., staff, consultant) who is responsible for coordinating the IC program.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
B. The person responsible for coordinating the infection prevention program has received training in IC <i>Examples of training may include: Successful completion of initial and/or recertification exams developed by the Certification Board for Infection Control & Epidemiology; Participation in infection control courses organized by the state or recognized professional societies (e.g., APIC, SHEA).</i>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
C. The facility has a process for reviewing infection surveillance data and infection prevention activities (e.g., presentation at QA	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
II. Healthcare Personnel and Resident Safety	
Elements to be assessed	Assessment
Healthcare Personnel	
A. The facility has work-exclusion policies concerning avoiding contact with residents when personnel have potentially transmissible conditions which do not penalize with loss of wages, benefits, or job status.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
B. The facility educates personnel on prompt reporting of signs/symptoms of a potentially transmissible illness to a supervisor	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
C. The facility conducts baseline Tuberculosis (TB) screening for all new personnel	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

[CDC ICAR Tool](#)(PDF)

(www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/icar/ltcf.pdf)



Completing the ICAR for Improvement

IV. Hand Hygiene, continued		
Elements to be assessed	Assessment	Notes/Areas for Improvement
B. All personnel receive training and competency validation on HH at the time of employment.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Click here to enter text.
C. All personnel received training and competency validation on HH within the past 12 months.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Click here to enter text.
D. The facility routinely audits (monitors and documents) adherence to HH <i>Note: If yes, facility should describe auditing process and provide documentation of audits</i>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Click here to enter text.
E. The facility provides feedback to personnel regarding their HH performance. <i>Note: If yes, facility should describe feedback process and provide documentation of feedback reports</i>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Click here to enter text.
F. Supplies necessary for adherence to HH (e.g., soap, water, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rub) are readily accessible in resident care areas (i.e., nursing units, resident rooms, therapy rooms).	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Click here to enter text.

ICAR Hand Hygiene and Contact Precautions Adherence Monitoring Tool

Hand Hygiene and Contact Precautions Observations				
Staff type*	Type of opportunity	HH performed?	Gown or glove indicated?	Gown/glove used?
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CASES ARE RISING
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Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Nursing Homes Preparing for COVID-19

Updated Dec. 14, 2020

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NEW!

Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) tools are used to systematically assess a healthcare facility's infection prevention and control (IPC) practices and guide quality improvement activities (e.g., by addressing identified gaps).

This tool is an update to the previous ICAR tool for nursing homes preparing for COVID-19. Notable changes as of November 20, 2020 include:

[Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Nursing Homes Preparing for COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/assessment-tool-for-nursing-homes.html)

(www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/assessment-tool-for-nursing-homes.html)

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! COVID-19 Alert: Cases are Rising

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths across the United States are rising. As cold weather moves in, people spend more time indoors, and the holidays approach, take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19. Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet apart, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often. The more steps you take, the more you are protected against COVID-19. View [Cases in the U.S. and your state on the data tracker.](#)

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[data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days](#) others to help protect you from getting and spreading

[CDC Medical Conditions & COVID-19](#)

(www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html)

NHSN Long Term Care Facility

Long-term Care Facilities (LTCF)

The NHSN, Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Component provides long-term care facilities with a customized system to track infections and prevention process measures in a systematic way.

Tracking this information allows facilities to identify problems, improve care, and determine progress toward national healthcare-associated infection goals.

Facilities eligible to report into all modules of this component include nursing homes, skilled nursing, chronic care, and developmental disability facilities. Assisted living facilities can only report into the prevention process measures module.

Long-term acute care hospitals (LTACHs) are not eligible to report into this component.



LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY COMPONENT MODULES

Click on each module to access relevant training, protocols, data collection forms, supporting materials, analysis resources, and FAQs.

[CDC NHSN LTCF Component](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/)

(www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/)

Training for NHSN LTC: Video and Slide Set

- [2019 NHSN LTCF Training - Healthcare Personnel Safety Component](#)
(www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=QBsnQZES-eo&feature=emb_title)
- [2020 Long-term Care Facility Component Annual Updates and Annual Facility Survey Review \(PDF\)](#)
(www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/training/2020/ltnf/2020-ltnf-updates-508.pdf)

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)

- Nationally known infection prevention site
- Includes information for skilled nursing facilities and training courses online
- Certification in Infection Control (CIC) information found on this site

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There is a reason we like to open windows or get outside for some "fresh air." Air quality and ventilation are a big deal when we try to stop the spread of viruses that can travel in the air. It can be daunting and scary, but fear not, because Dr. Hilary Babcock and Kate Gase, infection preventionist, break down the science of airborne and droplet disease transmission.
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- LTC Certificate
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- Webinars for CEUs

APIC Text for Long-Term Care

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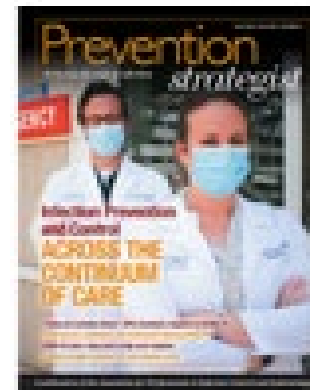
- *Prevention Strategist*
- *American Journal of Infection Control*

Guidelines to download or can be in book form

- Some free to members but charge non-members
- Some free to all



Long-Term Care



An APIC Guide
2009

Guide to the Elimination of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) in the Long-Term Care Facility

LTC IP Course from APIC

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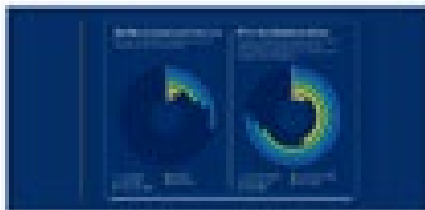
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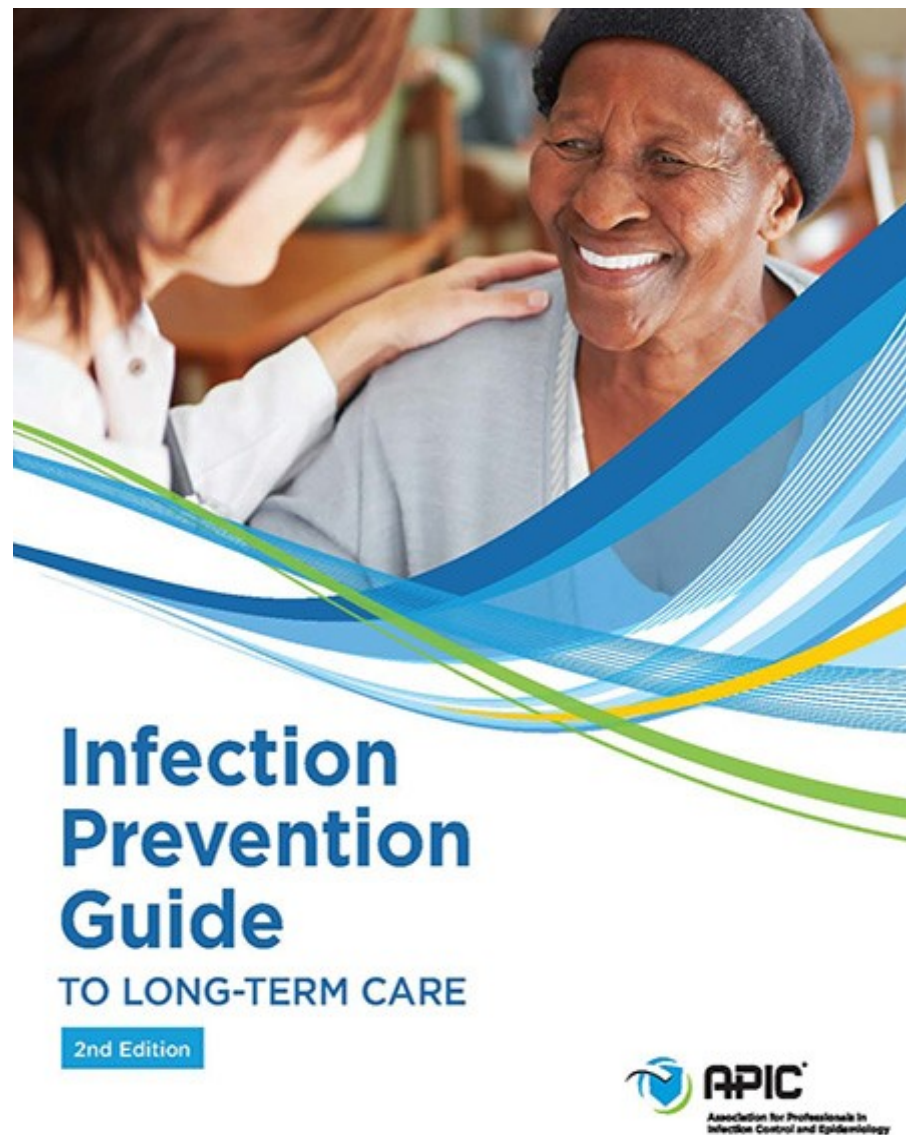
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APIC's Infection Prevention Guide to LTC

- A good resource for the new SNF Infection Preventionist
- Templates for surveillance

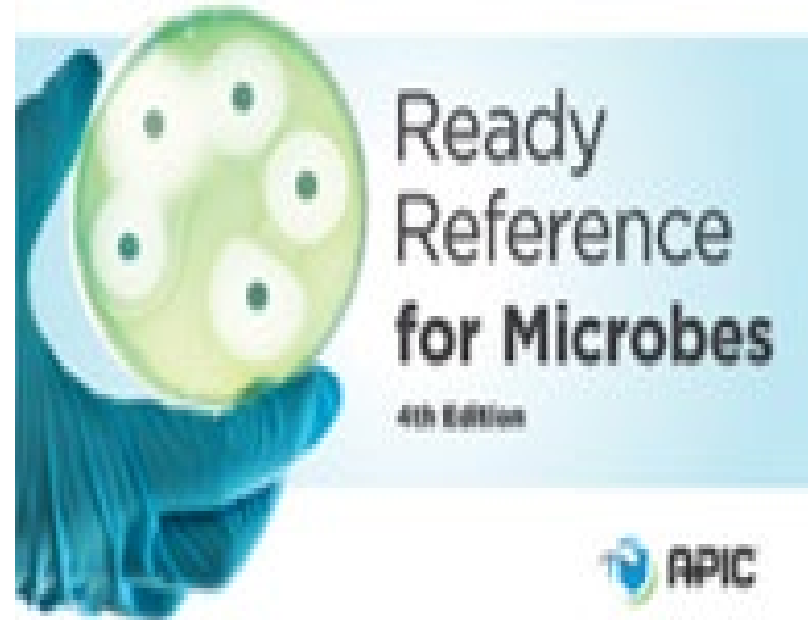
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Purchasing Textbooks From APIC

- A great resource for quickly looking up a microbe



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- 3 Northern CA APIC chapters: San Francisco, Sierra, San Joaquin;
- 7 Southern CA APIC chapters: Greater Los Angeles, Tri-Valley, Coastline, Inland Empire, Kern County, Orange County, San Diego

CA APIC's aim is to **educate, participate, collaborate, and advocate** on behalf of Infection Preventionists in

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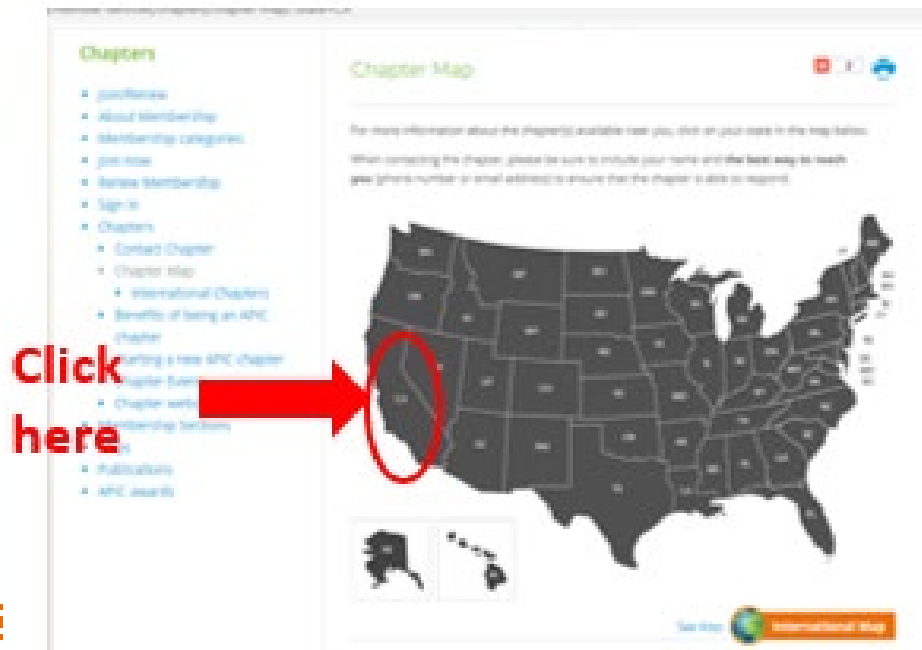
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Finding Your Local APIC Chapter on National Website

- Location nearest your work or home
 - Accessed by APIC or Ca-APIC
 - Chapter map with list of local chapters



[APIC Chapter Map](#)

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California Association for Health Facilities (CAHF)

The screenshot displays the CAHF website's navigation and event information. The top navigation bar includes 'ABOUT', 'EDUCATION & EVENTS', 'PROGRAMS', 'RESOURCES', 'MEMBERSHIP', and 'DIRECTORIES'. The main content area features a sidebar with a 'Calendar' section and a list of events, including '2020 Virtual Convention & Expo'. The main banner for the event is titled '2020 CAHF VIRTUAL CONVENTION & EXPO' and is scheduled for 'NOVEMBER 17 - 19'. A 'Please note:' section states that attendees must log in to the event on their own device and watch the entire presentation. It also mentions that a 70% score is required to pass the quiz. A small video player at the bottom shows a thumbnail of the event banner with a play button.

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All sessions at the CAHF Annual Convention & Expo will be recorded and available to registered attendees from Dec 1 - Jan 15.

2020 CAHF Virtual Convention & Expo

2020 CAHF VIRTUAL CONVENTION & EXPO
NOVEMBER 17 - 19

CAHF is excited to announce the addition of Rachel Sheerin who will emcee the virtual conference and help keep attendees organized and energized.

She is an international keynote speaker and team trainer who grew up around nursing homes thanks to her mom, a long time DON! To learn more about her extensive experience and achievements, visit her website www.rachelsherin.com

Nursing Home Leader Academy

California Association for Healthcare Facilities



The screenshot shows the CAHF Programs Website. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, EDUCATION & EVENTS, PROGRAMS (highlighted in orange), RESOURCES, MEMBERSHIP, and DIRECTORIES. A search icon is visible in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, there are links for Register, Login, and a shopping cart icon with a price of \$0.00. The main content area features the title "NURSING HOME LEADER ACADEMY 2021" and a breadcrumb trail: PROGRAMS > SPECIAL PROGRAMS > NURSING HOME LEADER ACADEMY 2021. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with the following items: Awards, CAHF Disaster Preparedness, Developmental Services, and Special Programs (highlighted in dark blue). The main content area displays the CAHF logo and the NHLA logo, which consists of the letters N, H, L, and A in white on teal squares, with the text "NURSING HOME LEADER ACADEMY" below it.

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[CAHF Programs Website](http://www.cahf.org/Programs)
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Leading Age California

- Another resource for nursing home education

[Leading Age California Learning Center](http://www.leadingageca.org/learning-center)

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- National Scorecard Reports
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A Unit Guide To Infection Prevention for Long-Term Care Staff

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[PDF](#), 2.97 MB

[AHRQ Unit Guide To Infection Prevention for LTC Staff](https://www.ahrq.gov/hai/quality/tools/cauti-ltc/modules/resources/guides/infection-prevent.html)

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Other sources for LTCs/SNFs

- Local health department websites
- [The Joint Commission](http://www.jointcommission.org/)
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Summary

- Infection preventionists in skilled nursing have many sources that are evidence-based
- Infection Preventionists have support and networking opportunities through local professional chapter meetings and education offerings
- There are reasonably priced textbooks, videos, and modules, both online and hard copy to aid the IP in the development or enhancement of their infection control program

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