

**Infection Control**  
University of South Florida  
College of Public Health

PHC 6314, Unit 3:  
"Compliance-Accrediting & Regulatory Agencies; Policies & Procedures, Part 1 of 2"

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## The Joint Commission

- The Joint Commission (TJC) (*formerly known as JCAHO*)
- Voluntary process
- Continuous accreditation cycle

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**TJC**

- Mission of TJC is to continuously improve health care for the public
- By *evaluating* healthcare organizations & inspiring them to excel in providing safe & effective care of the highest quality & value

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## TJC I.C. Standards

- Infection Prevention & Control Standards
- *Goal:* To reduce the risk of acquisition & transmission of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs)

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## Format of Standards

- Number & description of standard
- Elements of Performance (EP) (*how facility is evaluated to determine if meeting the standard*)
- Rationale (*for some*)



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## I.C. Supported by Other Departments

- Environment of Care
- Human Resources
- Information Management
- Leadership

Only going to cover  
Infection Prevention  
& Control  
Standards

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## IC.01.01.01

- The hospital identifies the **individual(s) responsible** for the infection prevention & control program



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## IC.01.01.01 Elements of Performance (EP)(4)



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## Qualifications

- Certification* of IP's
- Credentials* for Hospital Epidemiologists
  - Adult
  - Pediatric
  - Hospital Epidemiology courses



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## IC.01.02.01 EP (3)

- Hospital leaders allocate needed **resources** for the infection prevention & control program



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## IC.01.02.01 Examples

Personnel & Non-personnel Resources Necessary



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## IC.01.03.01

- The hospital **identifies risks** for acquiring & transmitting infections

### EP (5)



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### IC.01.03.01

#### Examples



- Hospital's risk of infection based several factors
- Risks prioritized & reviewed at least annually
- Review needs to be by multi-disciplinary group

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### IC.01.04.01

- Based on the identified risks, the hospital **sets goals** to minimize the possibility of transmitting infections

EP (5)

28% HAI reduction

See also National Patient Safety Goal 07.01.01 re: hand hygiene



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### IC.01.04.01

#### Examples



- ↓ unprotected pathogens exposures
- ↓ risk of transmission from procedures, medical equipment & devices
- improving hand hygiene compliance

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### IC.01.05.01

- The hospital has an infection prevention & control **plan**



EP (7)

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### IC.01.05.01

#### Examples

- Written description of plan, including how to evaluate it
- Policies & procedures
- Investigating outbreaks
- Communication systems
- Reporting systems



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EP (6)

### IC.01.06.01


- The hospital prepares to respond to an **influx of potentially infectious patients**




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## IC.01.06.01 EP & Examples




- resource identification & communication
- detailed written plan
- whether to take patients & if so, be able to for extended periods

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## IC.02.01.01

- The hospital **implements** its infection prevention & control plan



EP (11)

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## Important Points re: Infection Prevention & Control Plan

- Relationship to first week's reference article
- Coverage in Infection Control Certificate/MPH Courses

from IC.02.01.01 standard



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EP (5) IC.02.02.01

- The hospital **reduces** the risk of infections associated with medical devices, equipment, & supplies




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## IC.02.02.01. Rationale

- Proper cleaning, disinfecting & sterilizing of medical equipment & supplies can reduce the risk of infection.

Tabletop sterilizer





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## IC.02.02.01 Examples of EP

- policies & procedures
- mechanisms for recall of improperly sterilized items
- mechanisms for identifying recalled items
- re-use issues

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### IC.02.03.01

- The hospital works to **prevent the transmission** of infectious disease among patients, licensed independent practitioners & staff

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### IC.02.03.01 Examples

- Protect patients & employees from infectious exposures
- Treat them if such exposures occur

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### IC.02.04.01

- The hospital offers **vaccination against influenza** to licensed independent practitioners & staff.
- Rationale

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### IC.02.04.01 EP Examples

- Accessible sites
- Identifying reasons for poor vaccination
- Working to improve poor vaccination rates



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### IC.03.01.01

- The hospital evaluates the **effectiveness** of its infection prevention & control plan

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### Summary

- TJC mission
- TJC standards for Infection Prevention & Control
- Elements of performance, rationale & examples



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