



Infection Control Assessment and Response Program

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) Infection Control Assessment and Response Program (ICAR) provides Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) evaluation to Tennessee healthcare facilities.

Free, consultative visits to evaluate the strength of infection prevention in a variety of healthcare settings

Who is eligible for a visit?

- Anyone is eligible, including acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient settings and dialysis centers.

What is assessed during the visit?

- The tool evaluates infection control training, competency, and implementation of policies and practices for a number of infection control domains, such as hand hygiene and personal protective equipment.
- Visits can be tailored to the needs of the facility.

Who performs these visits?

- The visits are performed by nurses with extensive experience in infection control and epidemiology.

How long does the visit take?

- Visits take approximately 1/2 a day and will involve one-on-one interviews using the ICAR tool, as well as direct observations of the facility.

What are the benefits of an ICAR for my facility?

- On-going consultation and technical assistance provided for free by experienced Infection Preventionists
- Preparation for regulatory inspections, including addressing gaps in infection control
- Guidance on implementing federal requirements

How to schedule a visit:

- Contact TDH's Healthcare-Associated Infections Program at HAI.health@tn.gov