

Introduction

Forms & Checklists for Infection Prevention, Volume 1 was designed to provide a variety of resources for the infection preventionist from novice to expert. The editors have selected and organized this compilation of forms, checklists, policies, and guidelines to create a convenient resource for IPs. These resources are not intended to be all inclusive—instead, they provide a variety of samples to aid IPs in creating, improving, and enhancing their infection prevention and control programs.

This first volume of resources is presented in six sections: Infection Prevention Programs, Infection Prevention Education, Surveillance, Precautions, Performance Improvement, and Environment of Care. Each section provides sample forms, policies, guidelines, and links to additional resources and background reading. The samples may be modified to meet an individual facility's needs for their particular demographic population. Please note that every effort has been made to verify the internet links provided as resources; however, at times the location of information may change.

Infection prevention has its origins dating back to the first half of the 18th century and has been evolving since that time. The pioneers of infection prevention have been sharing their research, accomplishments, and lessons learned in an effort to foster the common goal of improved care for our patients, staff, and visitors while reducing and preventing infection. The resources in this book can help IPs to create structured infection prevention programs, and to develop education, systematic surveillance measures, and ongoing data analysis that allow for patient improvement opportunities.

Research, education, and communication foster collaboration for improved patient outcomes. The infection preventionists who shared their time, resources, and expertise hope that you will find this book useful, and that it will spark the continued motivation to communicate and share your research, accomplishments, and lessons learned as stewards of reducing and preventing infection.

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