

INFECTION CONTROL CONSULTATIONS

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Healthcare-associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI/AR) Program

The HAI/AR Program offers **free** infection control consultations to evaluate infection prevention practices in a variety of Philadelphia healthcare settings.

Who is eligible?

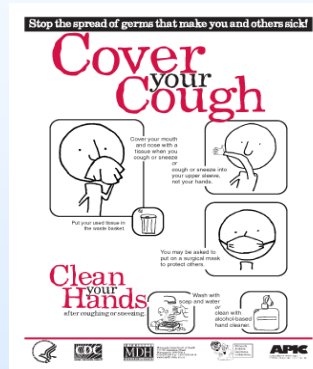
- All facility types are eligible:
 - Acute care
 - Long-term acute care
 - Long-term care
 - Hemodialysis facilities
 - Outpatient settings

What is assessed during these visits?

- The assessment evaluates infection control policies, procedures, competencies, and implementation across various domains, including but not limited to:
 - Hand hygiene
 - Personal protective equipment
 - Cleaning/disinfection
 - Instrument reprocessing and sterilization
 - Injection safety/point of care testing
 - Surveillance for infectious diseases

Who performs these visits?

- A team of infection control professionals:
 - Infectious Disease Physicians
 - Infection Preventionists
 - Nurses
 - Public Health Practitioners



What is the visit day like?

- Direct observations of facility practices
- Interview using a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) questionnaire
- Visits are scheduled in advance for a date that is convenient for the facility

What are the benefits for my facility?

- Free consultation and technical assistance from experienced infection control professionals
- Summary of findings and recommendations which may help in preparation for regulatory inspections
- Establish a relationship with the HAI/AR team for on-going collaboration and support

For more information, and to schedule a consultation, please contact the HAI/AR Team at (215) 685-4501 or HAI.AR@phila.gov