

Benefits Associated as a Member of DICON

Infection Prevention Program Support
Access to board certified DICON physician epidemiologists
Access to board certified DICON infection preventionists
Regular site visits (e.g., monthly) by DICON infection preventionist
Outbreak investigations
Response to facility-specific infection prevention related inquiries
Conduct initial & ongoing assessments of the infection control program
Provide temporary infection preventionist assistance when needed
Assist in preparation of regulatory visits (e.g., CMS, Joint Commission, DNV, State Departments of Health)
Participate in environmental/construction rounding
Attend facility infection control committee and/or other quality meetings as requested
Access to professional guidelines & standards related to infection prevention
Routine validation of surveillance data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloodstream infections • Urinary tract infections • Ventilator-associated events • Laboratory identified events (e.g., <i>Clostridium difficile</i>, MRSA) • Surgical site infections • Pneumonia • Other infections (e.g., CRE, VRE, fungal pathogens, etc.)
Assist with implementation of newly mandated infection prevention requirements
Evidence-based prevention initiatives for common healthcare-associated infections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catheter-associated urinary tract infection • <i>Clostridium difficile</i> • Colorectal surgery • Spinal procedures
Unique Educational Content and Opportunities
Monthly newsletters on infection prevention topics
Position statements on controversial infection prevention topics
Frequently asked question (FAQ) documents based on member facility requests
Online educational courses for providers & staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insertion of central venous catheters (CVCs) • Safe practices for central venous catheter insertion: refresher • Care & maintenance of central venous catheters • Prevention of surgical site infection (SSI) in the operating room • Safe injection practices: core competencies & responsibilities for all healthcare workers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stopping the spread of infection
<p>Comprehensive infection prevention toolkit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditing tools • Educational materials for patients & staff • Example infection prevention policies • Healthcare-associated infection (HAI) root cause analysis tools • Infection prevention program documents • Presentation templates • Self-assessment tools
CME lectures provided onsite at facility request
Annual education symposium attended by all member facilities with continuing education credits provided
Access to DICON website containing electronic copies of newsletter, toolkits, reports & surveys, position statements, FAQs, and educational videos
Data
<p>Development & maintenance of electronic surveillance database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repository to house surveillance data in a user-friendly format • Allow for mandatory public reporting requirements (e.g., CMS, State health department) • Ability to query all surveillance data • Prepare reports for all infection types <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Line listings ○ Graphs ○ Customizable
<p>Collect surgical data for additional procedure types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All NHSN procedures not just colon & abdominal hysterectomy procedures (e.g., cardiac, caesarian section, cholecystectomy, hip, knee, spine, small bowel, etc.)
<p>Development & maintenance of electronic surgical database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repository to house surgical data in a user-friendly format • Allow for mandatory public reporting requirements (e.g., CMS, State health department) • Ability to query all surveillance data • Prepare reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Procedure specific reports ○ Surgeon specific reports ○ Historical specific reports ○ Graphs ○ Customizable
Utilize sophisticated statistical analysis to review surveillance data with feedback, including advanced statistical process control charts and risk-adjusted, stratified benchmarked reports
Feedback on costs of healthcare-associated infections at facility-level
<p>Facility-specific biannual reports to executive leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time-trended surveillance data • Time-trended surgical data • Data comparison amongst facilities of similar size within the DICON network • Historical 5-year trended surveillance data for internal facility comparison