In our increasingly globalized world, infectious diseases can multiply and spread at alarming rates. Without proper infection control practices, healthcare settings may amplify the spread of these germs that can lead to outbreaks in the community and across borders.

The International Infection Control Program (IICP) is built on decades of experience within CDC’s Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. IICP bridges the gap between knowledge and implementation of infection prevention and control programs globally, particularly in low resource settings. The IICP team is made up of medical epidemiologists, microbiologists, physicians, and nurses that provide technical expertise on infection control policies, practices, and training in international healthcare settings.

**Mission:** Protect patients and healthcare workers globally by providing expertise, evidence, and implementation strategies to sustainably address infectious disease threats related to healthcare delivery.

A Global Resource for Infection Prevention and Control

**Respond Rapidly to Outbreaks**
- Provide technical assistance in outbreak investigations in healthcare settings
- Collaborate with domestic and international partners on response efforts to ensure rapid and effective response

**Improve Infection Prevention and Control Capacity**
- Work with ministries of health to adapt and promote policies, guidelines and training materials for use at the national and local level
- Provide technical assistance for the implementation of infection prevention programs
- Identify and refine best practices for preventing healthcare-associated infections
- Promote innovative solutions through domestic and international partnerships

**Reduce the Global Burden of Drug Resistance**
- Assist in the development of national policies and plans to combat antimicrobial resistance in healthcare settings
- Provide tools and technical assistance for countries to detect, track and respond to antimicrobial resistance in healthcare settings
- Promote appropriate use of antibiotics