

# Infection Prevention Champions



Champions are respected individuals with strong communication skills who are knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the topic at hand. These front line personnel promote and lead healthcare-associated infection prevention initiatives by engaging and educating colleagues, solving problems, and communicating across all levels of leadership.\*

For examples on how champions lead [catheter-associated urinary tract infection](#), [central line-associated blood stream infection](#) and [C. difficile infection reduction](#) efforts to improve adherence to infection prevention measures go to: [www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/tap/preventionchampions.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/tap/preventionchampions.html).

## Identify

### Identify Potential Champions:

- Respected
- Effective Communicators
- Enthusiastic
- Committed
- Courageous
- Team Oriented
- Open to New Ideas
- Early Adopters

## Train

### Provide Resources:

- Facility specific data for action
  - Results of TAP Assessments
- Evidence/Guidelines on which the initiative is based
- Contact information for support personnel
- Facility protocols for promoting initiatives

## Empower

### Facilitate Success:

- Offer leadership support
- Make initiatives patient-centered
- Clearly define goals & timelines
- Encourage involvement from other staff
- Assist in making evidence actionable

## Sustain

### Continue Support:

- Align goals across leadership levels
- Conduct audits and provide feedback to personnel
- Offer ongoing opportunities to discuss concerns with personnel
- Ensure hand off at the end of an initiative