



Welcome to this month's Chapter update! APIC's Chapter Mission is to help you **Learn**,

Network, Advance, and Lead through local connections, educational opportunities,

and leadership development. Thank you for being an active part of our infection

prevention community!



# **Chapter Updates**

# Important Reminder for Chapter Leaders: Your ACH and W9 form submissions are due TODAY!

APIC transitioned to a new bank in 2025, which affects how chapters receive dues disbursements. We are asking ALL chapters to complete and submit their W9 and Chapter ACH Authorization form. An email was sent to all chapter presidents and chapter treasurers on October 22, with details about how to submit these forms. Please contact <a href="mailto:accounting@apic.org">accounting@apic.org</a> if you did not receive that email or if you have any questions.

Please complete this form to share your chapter dues for 2026 by **December 15**, **2025**. Providing this information ensures that our records are accurate and your members are being charged correctly.

### Save the Date: Upcoming Chapter Events

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming calls. Please note that all calls take place at **2 PM ET**.

#### **Chapter Presidents**

November 13 – click <u>here</u> for the Zoom link to join

#### **Chapter Leaders**

December 18 – click here for the Zoom link to join

2026 Chapter Leader Orientation - Jan. 15 @ 2- 3:30 PM ET

**IMPORTANT!** Please complete this <u>survey</u> to share your recommendations for future chapter calls to ensure we are providing you with the information you need to help you in your role as chapter leaders.

# **APIC News**

## **APIC's 2025 Annual Business Meeting**

APIC's virtual 2025 Annual Business Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 5th at 4:30 PM ET, and will provide an opportunity for members to hear from APIC leaders on the state of the association and learn about important strategic initiatives underway. Members will also have an opportunity to take part in a Q&A session.

Register <a href="here">here</a>.

## Help Us Recognize Infection Prevention Leaders

APIC's Awards Program recognizes exceptional IPC individuals who significantly advance patient safety and the science of infection prevention. The 2025 nomination period opens October 23, 2025 and will close November 28, 2025. <a href="Learn more">Learn more</a> about APIC's Distinguished Awards.

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# **APIC Consulting**

## Free Resource! Introduction to the ICAR Process Training Course

An exciting new on-demand training opportunity is now available from The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and APIC Consulting: Introduction to the ICAR Process. This course provides participants with the skills to plan, conduct, and follow up on ICARs—ensuring facilities can strengthen practices to protect both patients and staff. You'll be able to practice assessing a variety of IPC programs and challenges. This tool is completely free of charge and can be accessed by logging in or creating a MyNACCHO account. Membership is not required.

**Visit MyNACCHO to Access the Training** 

## **Education**

## ☐ Witch Way to Infection Prevention Courses? ☐☐

No tricks here, treat yourself to one of the remaining 2025 virtual courses! Whether you're ready to conquer the <u>ASC & Ambulatory Settings Intensive Training</u>, brave enough for the <u>CIC Certification Preparation Course</u>, or prepared to face the eerie depths of the <u>EPI Intensive Training</u>, these spine-tingling courses will leave you spellbound. Don't ghost your professional development—these <u>courses</u> are so good, it's scary!

# New! Free Member Benefit – APIC Microlearning Series: Infection Prevention in Behavioral Health

Enhance your infection prevention expertise with APIC's newest Microlearning Series designed specifically for behavioral health settings. In just five short lessons, explore key topics like hand hygiene, PPE use, multidrug-resistant organisms, and outbreak management. Earn 1 IPU credit when you complete all five microlessons. Free for APIC members!

Register now to start learning at your own pace.

#### **Accreditation Transition: Joint Accreditation** → **ANCC**

APIC is transitioning from Joint Accreditation (JA) to the American Nurses

Credentialing Center (ANCC) Nursing Continuing Professional Development (NCPD)

program in 2026.

### Why the change?

- After reviewing our program data, we found that most learners who seek CE credit are nursing professionals.
- Ensures ongoing high-quality professional development.
- Keeps education affordable and sustainable.

### What this means for you:

- Claim CE credits (contact hours) by Dec 31, 2025. Joint Accreditation credit will not be available after this date.
- Temporary pause in CE credit (contact hours): From Jan 1, 2026, until ANCC
  accreditation is granted (expected Feb-May 2026), CE credits (contact hours) will
  not be available.
- IPUs remain available during this time.
- Once ANCC approval is finalized, all APIC continuing education activities will carry ANCC Nursing Continuing Professional Development accreditation.

For details and FAQs, visit the link or contact education@apic.org

## **CBIC**

#### **CBIC Recertification Extension**

CBIC is extending the recertification via infection prevention units (IPU) portfolio submission deadline to December 8th with no late fees. If the portfolio is not submitted by December 8th, the only method to obtain recertification for candidates who miss the December 8th deadline is to purchase and complete the initial proctored examination by December 31.

For CIC® holders recertifying through the internet-based exam, <u>you must purchase</u> the exam by November 30, 2025 and <u>pass it</u> by December 31, 2025, at 11:59 PM GMT (6:59 PM EST).

If you hold the a-IPC certification, you only need 5 IPUs to maintain your certification!

Full details for both CIC® and a-IPC™ certifications are available on the CBIC website.

Please direct any recertification questions to info@cbic.org.

# **Sponsored Messages**

AHRQ is currently recruiting acute care hospital units for a free 9-month program to implement and improve evidence-based practices for prevention of catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI). Units will



receive training and one-on-one expert coaching to implement sustainable improvements to their infection prevention practices. <u>Click</u> to learn if your hospital is eligible, sign up for an informational webinar, or apply for the program.

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