

Member of the Month:

Jaimie Bandur

Interviewed and written by Carol Samel

Time in the infection prevention role: 6 months

How did you get interested in Infection Prevention:

Jaimie worked in a Microbiology laboratory after completing her BS degree in Biology at Lafayette College. While working, she enrolled in the MPH program at Temple University. For her capstone project she worked on a study to evaluate the potential association with laxative use and the molecular detection of C. difficile toxin. This experience combined with her education influenced her interest in the work of infection prevention.

What challenges did you face as a new IP: It was difficult to begin her infection prevention career at the start of the 2021-2022 covid surge. It was also difficult adapting to this new patient facing role after working in a laboratory.

What has been the most helpful as a new IP: Mentoring with experienced IPs in the department. The information in structured infection prevention courses were not as helpful as having the guidance of an experienced IP. The CIC question in the weekly MEM-CHAP/Delaware Valley & Philadelphia Digest is helpful for the preparing for the CIC exam.

Most rewarding part of the job: Jaimie feels that it is rewarding seeing her educational experience put into practical use to help prevent infections in patients

Next steps in career path: expanding IP knowledge, especially through networking. Jaimie is enjoying virtual networking via twitter.

Fun Facts

- Proud to be a hula hoop champion! Jaimie hula hooped for 46 minutes straight in a completion at her first job.
- Visited Disney 29 times!
- Completed the Broad Street Run on May 1st in 2 hours 1 min 7 seconds without major pre-race training
- Jaimie enjoys cross stitch “sometimes you just need to stab something” 😊
- Has an infection control meme site on Instagram: [infection.control.memes](https://www.instagram.com/infection.control.memes)
- Proudly wears five tattoos
- Jaimie was engaged on Mount Rainier and is looking forward to her wedding in 2023



“I do life at full throttle”

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