

Infection Prevention Support

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Our Team Can Help

1. Assess Facility Preparedness
 2. Distance Consultation
 3. Improve Staff Knowledge
 4. Resources
- Developed in partnership with CDC's Project Firstline
 - Targeted to Infection Preventionists in small, rural, and critical access settings



SLICE
Self-Led Infection Control
Evaluation

Educational
Resources

Virtual Reality

IP
Support

Distance
Consultation

Needs
Assessment



Assess Facility Preparedness

SLICE- Self-Led Infection Control Evaluation

- COVID-19 pandemic highlighted challenges and urgent needs for rural IPC programs
 - Need for IPC resources
 - Need for easily accessible, affordable assistance to identify and mitigate gaps
- Created to empower IPs to evaluate and strengthen their IPC programs using a standardized tool

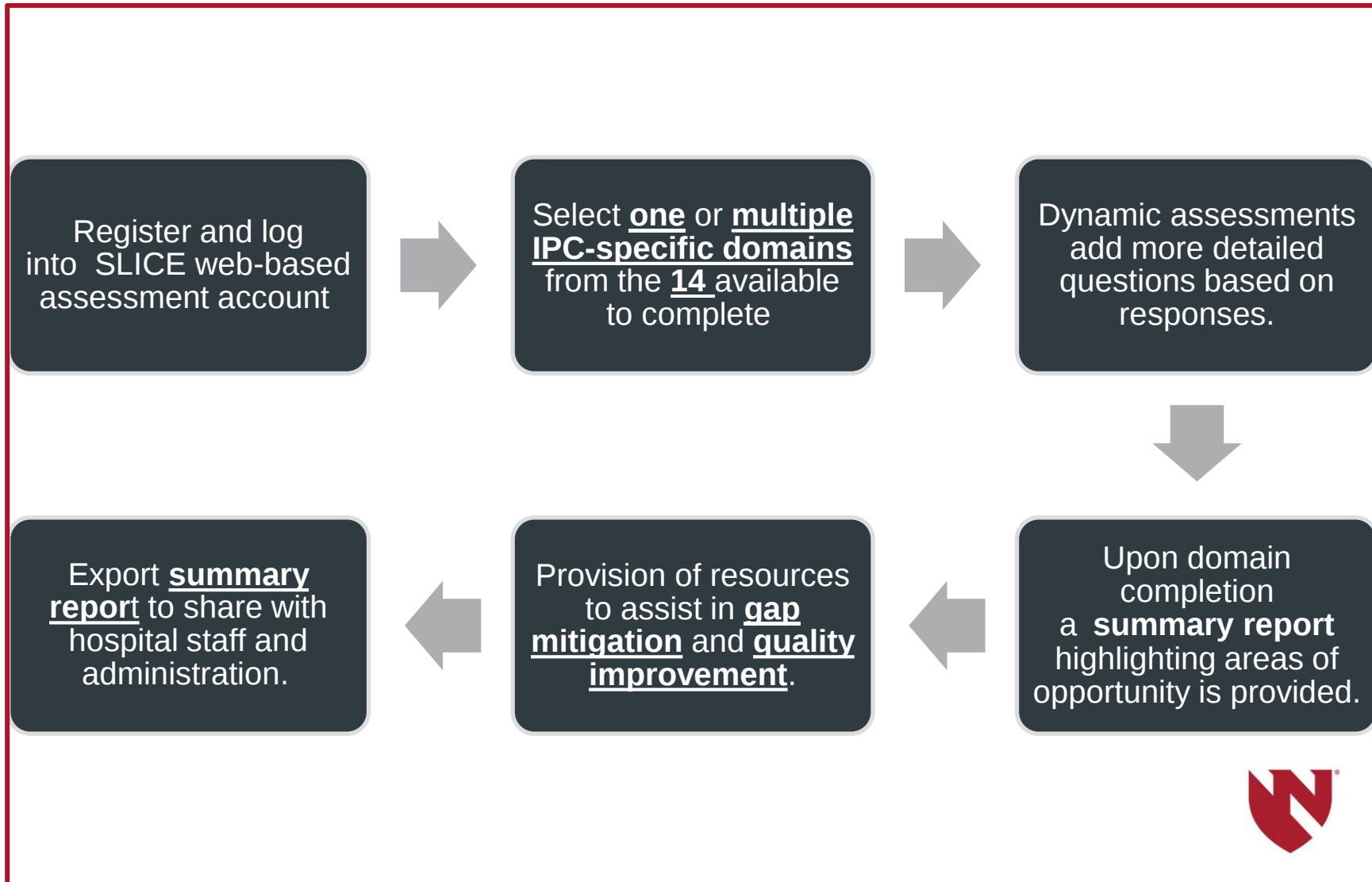


What is SLICE?

- Online, self-assessment tool comprised of:
 - 14 IPC-targeted domains
 - Summary reports with immediate results
 - Vetted resources for program improvement
- Assesses IPC programs via standardized criteria based on:
 - Current guidelines
 - Regulatory requirements
 - Professional organization recommendations
 - Best practice literature



SLICE Process



SLICE Domains & Core Elements

SLICE Domains	
Infection Prevention & Control Program	Transmission-based & Standard Precautions
Hand Hygiene	PPE
Surveillance	CAUTI
Injection Safety	CLABSI
Environment of Care	VAE
Environmental Cleaning	SSI
Device Reprocessing	Clostridioides difficile

SLICE Core Elements for Evaluation:

- Organizational Structure
- Leadership Support
- Policy & Procedure
- Education and Training
- Audit and Feedback
- General Practice



SLICE Snapshots

Reprocessing Failure

Question: 69 - Does the hospital have a protocol for device reprocessing failure events?

User Points: 0 **Possible Points:** 1 **Scoring Type:** Point for Preferred

User Question Response:

- ☐ Yes - Not Scored
- ☒ No - Negative
- ☐ Unsure - Negative

Question Guidance:

Free Access: Guidelines

DR.1.44.I - Rutala, W.A., Weber, D.L., and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee. Guideline for disinfection and sterilization in healthcare facilities, 2008. <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/disinfection/index.html> Recommendation(s): 16.e., 16.f., 16.g., 19.h

Purchase Required: Standards

DR.1.4.f - Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation. (2017). ANSI/AAMI ST 79: 2017: Comprehensive guide to steam sterilization and sterility assurance in health care facilities. Arlington, VA: AAMI. <https://store.aami.org/s/store#/store/browse/detail/a152E00000A7DU5QAN> Section(s): Table 4 Potential causes to be investigated for steam sterilization process failures. Figure 10: Decision tree for conducting investigations of steam sterilization process failures.

Question: 71a - Are investigations performed in reprocessing failure events?

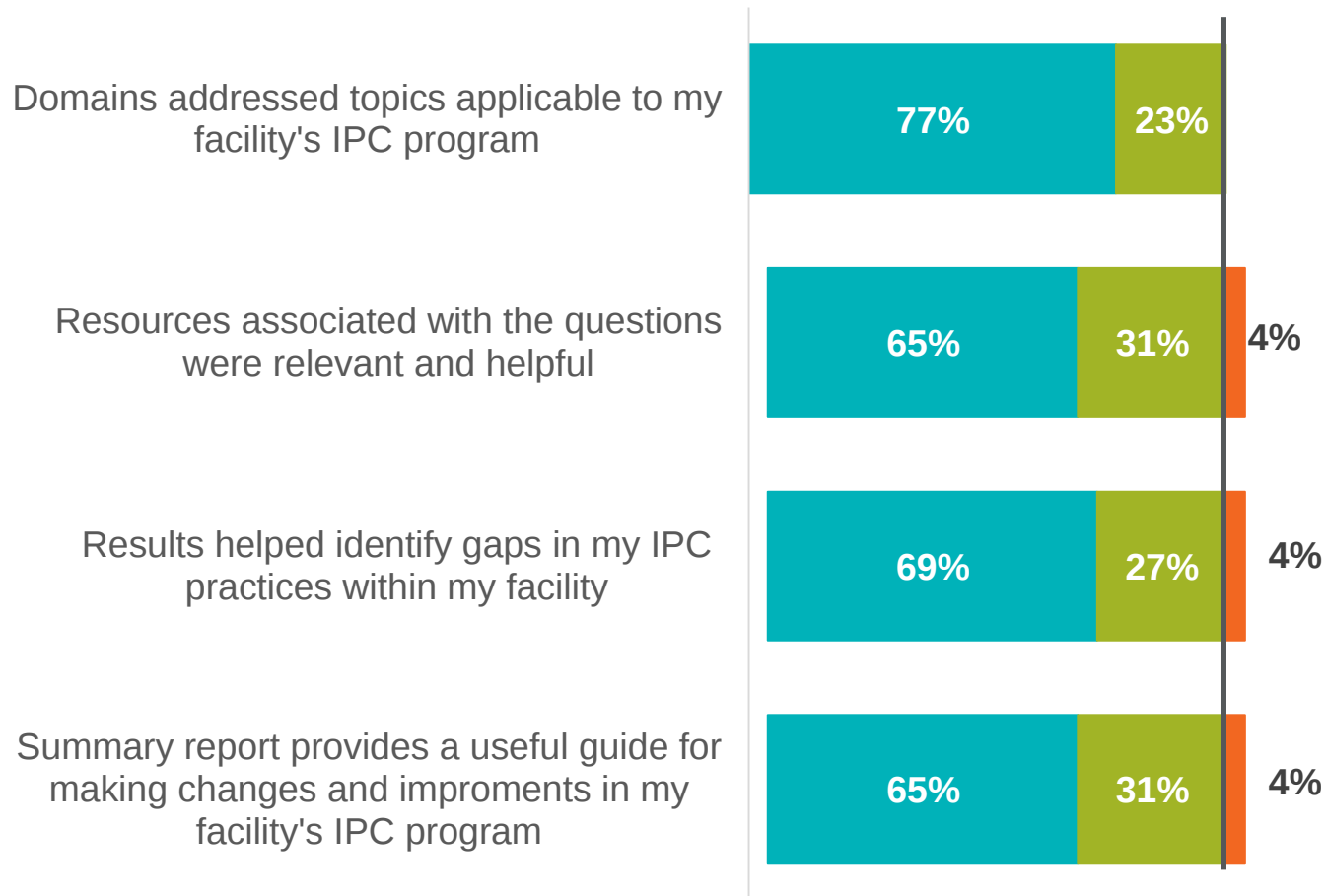
User Points: 0 **Possible Points:** 1 **Scoring Type:** Point for Preferred

User Question Response:



What other IPs are saying

IP Views of Domains, Resources, & Results



96% of users indicated that SLICE **identified gaps** in their IPC program and provided a guide for **making changes & improvements.**

n=26

■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree



Future Directions

- SLICE will follow a continuous review and improvement process
- Expand SLICE utilization across U.S. and facility types
- More robust scoring algorithms to provide improved and more complex assessment ability.
- Expansive resource repository development to include templates, checklists, educational resources that are currently unavailable or absent and state-based resources identification.



Distance Consultation Purpose

- Develop a service to support Infection Preventionists in small, rural, and critical access acute care settings who have taken SLICE.
- Will utilize technology to provide expanded access to IPC subject matter experts to facilitate gap mitigation and program improvement.
- Needs determined by SLICE scores



Distance Consultation

In Pilot

Provide remote support to IPs	Develop a technological solution to support IPs
Non-punitive	We are here to help!
Collaborative	Determine needs together
Help IPs tackle problems and mitigate gaps	What issues can be addressed virtually?



Consultation Feedback



Experience with SLICE

Ease of use

Program support – especially for new IPs

Interactive with consultants

Results specific to needs of institution

Complete at own pace

Realtime feedback



Why SLICE?

Part 1:

- Slice Tool
 - Evaluate program
 - Provide resources and source of truth
 - Identify gaps
 - Can reevaluate problem areas by retaking assessments



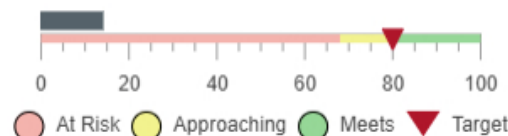
Sample of Results

Surveillance	Retake Assessment	65%	83%
Clostridioides difficile Infection (CDI)	Retake Assessment	57%	67%
Ventilator-associated Event (VAE)		0%	72%
Surveillance	Retake Assessment	49%	83%
Surgical Site Infection (SSI)	Retake Assessment	79%	74%
Standard & Transmission-Based Precautions	Retake Assessment	85%	86%
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Retake Assessment	84%	85%
Injection Safety	Retake Assessment	14%	80%
Infection Prevention & Control Program	Retake Assessment	65%	82%



Summary Report

Results



Core Element Summary

Core Element	Score	Questions Answered	User Points Total	Possible Points Total
Policy & Procedure	0%	1	0	1
Safe Device and Injury Prevention Program	33%	3	1	3
Drug diversion	0%	1	0	1
Education & Training	0%	1	0	1
Audit & Feedback	0%	1	0	1

For The Scoring Rationale Please Refer To The Scoring Criteria Section Below

Policy & Procedure

Question: 1a - Does the hospital have policies and standard operating procedures addressing safe injection practices?

User Points: 0 **Possible Points:** 1 **Scoring Type:** Point for Preferred

User Question Response:

- ☐ Yes - Not Scored
- ☒ No - Negative
- ☐ Unsure - Negative

Question Guidance:

Free Access: Regulatory

IS.1.12 - National Archives and Records Administration. (2021, December 21.) Code of Federal Regulations. Part 482-Conditions of Participation for Hospitals. <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-G/part-482> Section: §482.42(a)(1)

IS.1.14 - Occupational Safety and Health Administration. (2003). Model plans and programs for the OSHA bloodborne



Use of Results

- Educational purposes
- Policy development
- Preparation for regulatory visit
- Resources



Consultation: Phase 2

Virtual and in-person

- Huge benefit in talking with the team and reviewing results

Reviewed assessment and findings:

- Opened up a window to gaps and further opportunities



Overall Experience

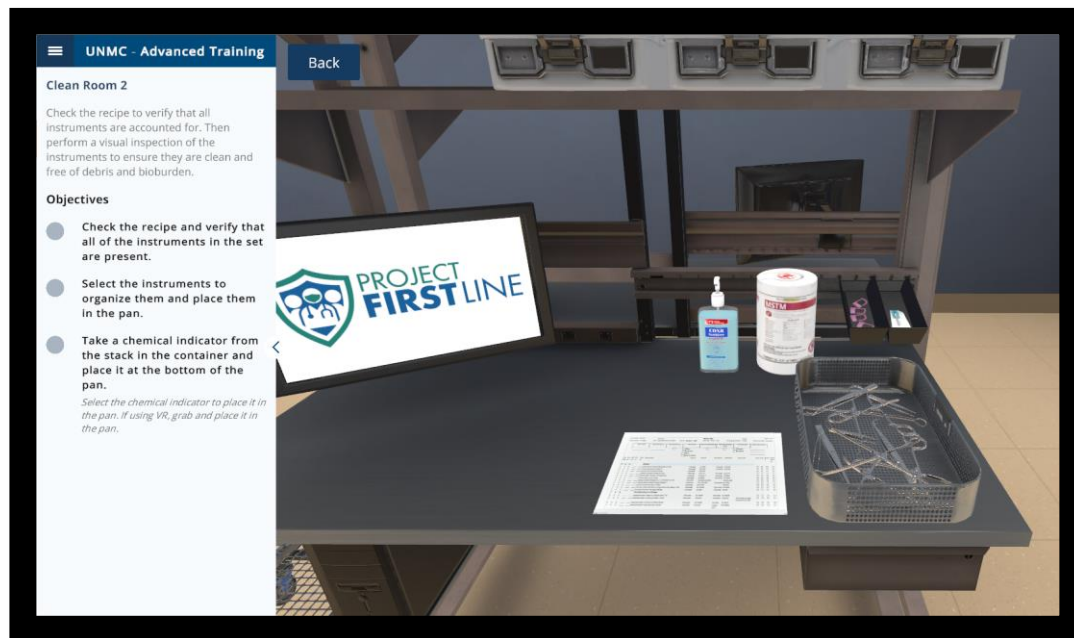


Improve Staff Knowledge

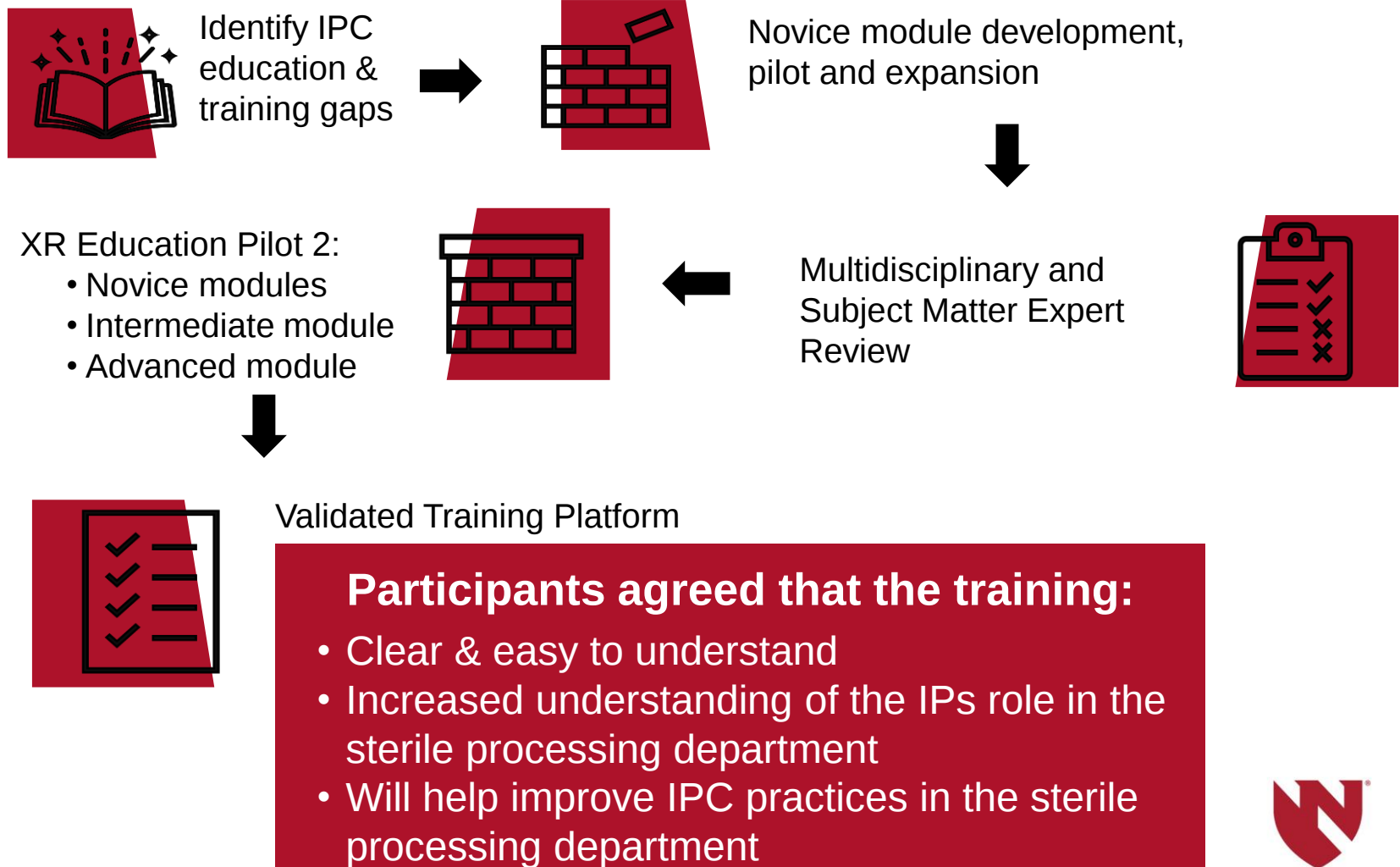
XR

Education

Develop high-quality immersive education utilizing extended reality (XR) technologies targeted to address specific gaps in infection control practices in small and rural hospitals.



XR Education Development Process



Modalities



Virtual Reality
Headset preferred
by most users



Laptop &
Desktop



Phone



Tablet



Platform
Heizenrader: EducationXR



XR Education



“I previously worked in surgery and sterile processing, so I know a good amount of information, but teaching a new IP has been incredibly difficult. They have a limited frame of reference. It is also difficult to understand what the regulations say vs what

IPC Field Experience		
Less than 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years
33%	45%	22%

- **78%** reported $\leq 50\%$ of their time is dedicated to IPC role
- **72%** reported that they **do not have enough access** to training materials and content needed to excel at IPC in their facility
- **89%** of participants had **no headset experience** prior to completing the modules

100% of participants would recommend that other IPs take the IPC XR Education modules.



More to come!

Additional resources are being developed

- 90-day Survival Guide
- AI chat-bot
- Educational Webinars
- Change management approaches



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