

APPENDIX F: SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION (STAR) AWARD

What is the STAR Award?

The OSWAPIC *Special Thanks And Recognition* (STAR) Award(s) is an annual recognition bestowed by the OSWAPIC Chapter to honor outstanding members for their exceptional contributions to the field of Infection Prevention. This award aims to appreciate individuals for their exceptional performance, promote innovation, and encourage creative thinking within the Infection Prevention profession. The STAR Award aligns with the National APIC Competency Model, recognizing excellence in key areas essential for advancing infection prevention and control.

Nominee Eligibility

- Must be an active member of the OSWAPIC Chapter.
- Must have made significant contributions to the field of Infection Prevention, demonstrating excellence in one or more of the listed APIC competency areas:
- Previous STAR Award recipients are not eligible for nomination in the same category for [insert time frame, e.g., one year].

Nominator Information

- Eligibility: Nominations can be submitted by any OSWAPIC member, including peers, supervisors, or stakeholders within the Infection Prevention community.
- Information Required:
 - o Nominator and the Nominee's name, title, and contact information.
 - o A detailed description of the nominee's contributions and achievements (maximum [insert word limit, e.g., 500 words]).
 - o Specific examples demonstrating how the nominee aligns with the APIC Competency Model.

Nomination Criteria

To ensure alignment with the National APIC Competency Model, nominees will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Nomination Category	Criteria Details
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrates effective communication and team-building skills. - Exhibits visionary leadership that inspires others in the field.
Professional Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acts as a role model for ethical practice and professional development. - Engages in mentoring and supporting the growth of others in the profession.
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contributes to the body of knowledge in Infection Prevention through research or evidence-based practice. - Publishes findings or presents at conferences to disseminate knowledge.
IPC Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implements effective infection prevention and control measures within healthcare settings. - Demonstrates innovative approaches to improving IPC practices.
Quality Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participates in quality improvement initiatives that enhance patient safety and outcomes. - Utilizes data to drive decisions and improve IPC practices.
IPC Informatics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uses technology and data management to advance infection prevention efforts. - Implements informatics solutions that enhance surveillance and reporting capabilities.