

Think about it...

The IPCP should have a systematic way to understand, on an ongoing basis, how it is performing through data collection; comparing it to goals set as well as external benchmarks; and determining if gaps exist that could result in IP issues.

Element 3: Feedback, Data Systems, and Monitoring

The IPCP must have a routine, ongoing, and systematic collection, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination of surveillance data to identify:

- Infections (HAI and community-acquired)
- Infection risks
- Communicable disease outbreaks
- Changes in resident health status
- How well staff are following IPCP policies and procedures

Prioritize for Improvement

Identify problems or potential problems for more in-depth study with an eye towards improvement.

Develop a Data-Collection and Monitoring Plan

1. What are you measuring (measure/indicator)?
2. When are you measuring this (frequency)?
3. How do you measure this (where do we get our data)?
4. Who is responsible for tracking this measure?
5. What is your performance goal or aim?

Measure/Indicator Collection and Monitoring Plan assists with the process of determining the specifics of the monitoring activity for each issue.

Interpret Your Data

- Establish thresholds based on national standards of care.
- Measure Self-Performance using the SMART Goal Setting Worksheet.

Identify Gaps and Opportunities for Improvement

REMEMBER! It is important to be proactive as well as reactive.

- Identify trends in your data
- Observe areas where processes are breaking down
- Identify any barriers to full implementation of practices that meet the standard of care

Simple Strategies for IPCP and QAPI Alignment - Feedback, Data Systems, and Monitoring