

# Think about it...

*While everyone in the organization is involved in Infection Prevention (IP), you will likely have a small group of individuals who provide the backbone or structure for IP in your facility.*

## Element 2: Governance and Leadership

Ensures adequate resources exist to support IPCP activities and creating a facility culture where staff feel comfortable identifying IPC concerns and opportunities for improvement.

### **Describe how IP will be adequately resourced.**

- Designate one or more persons to be accountable for IP leadership and for coordination.
- Indicate the plan for developing leadership and facility wide training on IP.
- Describe the plan to provide caregivers time, equipment, and technical training as needed for IP.
- Indicate how you will determine if resources are adequate for IP.
- Describe how staff will become and remain proficient with IP techniques. How will you assess their level of proficiency?

### **Infection Prevention Leadership**

Some nursing homes may decide to create a separate interdisciplinary committee to focus on implementing the core activities of the IPCP.

- Who will be part of this group? Be sure to include front line staff.
- Describe how this group of people will work together, communicate, and coordinate IP activities.
  - Establish a format and frequency for meetings
  - Establish a method for communication between meetings
  - Establish a designated way to document and track plans and discussions addressing IP.
- Describe how IP activities will be reported to the governing body; i.e., Board of Directors, owner.

# Simple Strategies for IPCP and QAPI Alignment - Governance and Leadership