

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Healthcare Infection Control Practices
Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

179

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/19/2025 01/19/2027

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

03/31/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

E.O. 14217

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 217a

13. Effective Date

11/17/1962

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

The meeting included the following updates
on the Division of Healthcare Quality
Promotion; the Isolation Precautions
Guideline Workgroup; and the Healthcare
Personnel Guideline Workgroup.

Start

End

11/14/2024 - 11/15/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current Next	
	FY	FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee accomplishes its purpose by: 1) informing the development of evidence-based guidelines for the prevention of healthcare-associated infections; 2) providing infection prevention and control guidance to address new or changing infectious disease threats such as highly-pathogenic avian influenza, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, or antimicrobial (antibiotic) resistant pathogens; and 3) providing input on national surveillance efforts. During fiscal year 2024, the Committee

continued to provide input to CDC for updates to the Guideline for Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel, and the 2007 Isolation Precautions Guideline. The Committee also provided input on improving neonatal and pediatric surveillance definitions for the National Healthcare Safety Network, which is the nation's mostly widely used healthcare-associated infection tracking system. The committee also continues to update the Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings-2003, Section on Dental Unit Waterlines, Biofilm and Water Quality.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee consists of 14 public members. In order to achieve balance, the Committee first works to ensure that necessary subject matter expertise is included; the Committee requires members with specialized experience but also broad general experience in healthcare settings to be effective. In addition, the Committee works to be balanced with respect to racial and ethnic groups, gender, geographic representation, and perspective (e.g., national, state, local). The HICPAC management team solicits new members broadly with announcements at public meetings, a Federal Register notice, and direct outreach to stakeholders. Potential members are interviewed to better understand their qualifications and decisions are made by the management group with oversight and concurrence with Division and Center leadership. The Committee's membership currently represents expertise including, but not limited to, infectious diseases, infection prevention, healthcare epidemiology, nursing, clinical and environmental microbiology, surgery, hospitalist medicine, internal medicine, epidemiology, health policy, health services

research, occupational medicine, public health, and related fields. The Committee also includes ex officio and liaison representation.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Historically, the Committee has met in-person, but in fiscal year 2024 the committee met one time in person one times via video/tele-conference due to quorum and nomination package delays.

Continued operation of the Committee in fiscal year 2024 and beyond is required for the ongoing development, dissemination, and evaluation of CDC's infection control guidelines to prevent healthcare-associated infections and related adverse events, prevent the emergence of antimicrobial-resistant microorganisms, and improve quality of care across the spectrum of healthcare delivery. The Committee provides critical input to CDC regarding these issues that could not be easily replaced with another mechanism.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

CDC plays a unique role in healthcare-associated infection prevention activities in the U.S. and worldwide by developing and disseminating evidence-based infection control guidelines for preventing healthcare-associated infections and other adverse events in healthcare settings. This guidance is used by healthcare facilities in the development of local protocols and procedures for infection control. Some recommendations become infection control standards when incorporated into regulatory agency regulations (e.g., facility inspectors/surveyors such as those by Accreditation organizations or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services). CDC actively

investigates with State Health Departments and identifies new evidence from outbreaks of healthcare-associated infections and CDC collaborates with other federal agencies and academic partners to apply those findings to update and improve prevention guidelines. CDC also manages and leads the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), the nation's most widely used healthcare-associated infection tracking system. NHSN provides facilities, states, regions, and the nation with data from over 25,000 medical facilities to identify problem areas and measure progress of prevention efforts. In order to accomplish its mission, CDC requires input and advice from HICPAC's recognized experts with the real-world experience in healthcare settings to optimize guidelines and recommendations, assess trends, inform ongoing improvements to healthcare-associated infection monitoring and tracking, and review policy implications relevant to prevention of healthcare-associated infections. There are no other mechanisms that can efficiently offer this breadth of coverage and experience.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Sharon Wright, Michael Lin, Colleen Kraft, and Jennie Kwon were extended through 12/31/24. Scott Cooper as a new ex officio member for CMS, Kristen Dillon is the new ex officio member for HRSA, and Shavonna White is the new ex officio for IHS. Anurag Malani is the Liaison for IDSA since 7/4/24 replacing Eli Briggs . Justin Smyer is the Liaison for APIC and started 4/18/24 replacing Sara Smathers. Crystal Bowens started

AHCA 5/13/24 replacing Pamela Truscott. Tiffany Wiksten TJC Started 4/19/24 filling a vacancy and Hilary Babcock started 12/26/23 replacing Keith Kaye. This Committee does not make formal reports. New member joined this fiscal year: Katherine Ellingson and Lela Luper started 6/28/24, Lisa Baum started 5/13/24 and Laura Evans started 12/8/23.

Designated Federal Officer

Alexander Kallen Director, PRB, DHQP

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Babcock, Hilary	12/26/2023	03/31/2025	SHEA	Representative Member
Baum, Lisa	05/13/2024	03/31/2025	Lead Occupational Health & Safety Representative	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bowens, Crystal	05/13/2024	03/31/2025	Vice President, Regulatory & Clinical Services	Representative Member
Brooks, James	02/22/2021	03/31/2025	Director – AMR Division	Representative Member
Bryant, Kristina	01/20/2023	03/31/2025	American Society of Nephrology	Representative Member
Conway, Paul	10/16/2018	03/31/2025	Patient Advocate	Representative Member
Cooper, Scott	10/03/2024	03/31/2025	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Ex Officio Member
Costello, Patti	05/26/2021	03/31/2025	Executive Director, AHE	Representative Member
Cuny, Eve	09/22/2020	03/31/2025	Vice Chairperson, OSAP	Representative Member
Dillon, Kristen	02/07/2024	03/31/2025	Health Resources and Services Administration	Ex Officio Member
Ehresmann, Kristen	02/21/2018	03/31/2025	Director of Infectious Disease	Representative Member
Ellingson, Katherine	06/05/2024	03/31/2025	Associate Professor, Epidemiology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Epson, Erin	08/17/2023	03/31/2025	Medical Director at California Department of Public Health	Representative Member
Evans, Laura	12/08/2023	03/31/2025	Pulmonary Critical Care Physician Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Kraft, Colleen	05/04/2021	12/31/2024	Associate Professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lin, Michael	12/28/2023	12/31/2024	Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lombardozi, Chris	09/24/2018	03/31/2025	CMO-Hospital	Representative Member
Luper, Lela	06/28/2024	03/31/2027	Infection Preventionist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Malani, Anurag	07/04/2024	03/31/2025	Medical Director, Hospital Epidemiology and Special Pathogens; Medical Director, Antimicrobial Stewardship	Representative Member
McGiffert, Lisa	05/13/2024	03/31/2025	Member, PSAN	Representative Member
Miller, Melissa	05/01/2015	03/31/2025	Medical Officer, Division of Healthcare-Associated Infections, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	Ex Officio Member
Myburgh, Ronnell	11/07/2019	03/31/2025	Executive Director of Certifications	Representative Member
Ogunremi, Toju	02/26/2021	03/31/2025	Acting Manager, Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)	Representative Member
Ravin, Karen	02/22/2024	03/31/2025	Pediatrics Doctor	Representative Member
Russi, Mark	06/30/2005	06/30/2026	Infection Control	Representative Member
Sawyer, Robert	01/20/2013	03/31/2025	Professor of Surgery and Medical Engineering Chair, Western Michigan University	Representative Member
Shenoy, Erica	01/27/2023	03/31/2025	Infectious Disease, MD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smyer, Justin	04/18/2024	03/31/2025	Director of Clinical Epidemiology	Representative Member
Steed, Connie	12/15/2023	03/31/2025	Infection Prevention Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Steffen, Scott	11/22/2021	03/31/2025	Senior Program Management Officer	Ex Officio Member
VanAmringe, Margaret	10/01/2013	03/31/2025	Vice President for Public Policy and Government Relations, The Joint Commission	Representative Member
Weber, David	01/16/2023	03/31/2025	Professor -UNC Medical Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
White, Shavonna	09/23/2024	03/31/2025	Director of Nursing Services	Ex Officio Member
Wick, Elizabeth	12/04/2014	03/31/2025	Associate Professor of Surgery, Johns Hopkins University	Representative Member
Wiksten, Tiffany	04/19/2024	03/31/2025	Chief Nursing Officer	Representative Member
deKay, Karen	12/12/2018	03/31/2025	Perioperative Practice Specialist	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 36

Narrative Description

CDC's mission is to protect America from health safety and security threats and to increase quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. The agency accomplishes its mission by working with partners to monitor health, develop and advocate sound public health policies, and implement prevention strategies. The Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee supports CDC's mission by providing input into CDC's guidelines and recommendations for prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and antimicrobial resistance. HICPAC also supports the CDC mission by providing strategy for surveillance as well as monitoring and tracking HAIs to improve patient safety in U.S. healthcare facilities.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Healthcare associated infections cost the United States tens of millions of dollars annually. Implementation and adherence to CDC infection control guidelines that were informed from input from HICPAC potentially represent substantial cost savings for the nation and improved patient safety by reducing morbidity and mortality.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

540

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were 12 additional recommendations made in FY2024. 6 recommendations were made for the healthcare personnel guideline (Varicella-Zoster Virus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Cytomegalovirus, and Pregnant Healthcare Personnel). There were 6 recommendations made to modify the Isolation Precaution 2007 Guideline to improve clarity and to adjust recommendations in Appendix A of the guideline for Protective

Environment recommendations and personal protective equipment use when caring for patients with high-consequence pathogens like viral hemorrhagic fevers (Marburg, Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever, Lassa, South American Hemorrhagic fevers, Andes Virus and Nipah Virus).

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

90%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations to the agency have been implemented and are reflected in CDC guidelines and possible CDC Guideline recommendation updates.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

10%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Sometimes recommendations from the Committee are one of several internal and external inputs that CDC might use to inform decisions (e.g., federal register public comment period, other federal agency review, etc). Also, some recommendations will not be implemented until CDC Guidelines are published. CDC is currently working to refine, finalize, and publish the surveillance methods and guidelines that are informed by Committee's input.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The agency provides feedback to the committee through updates at regularly scheduled meetings and email communication to notify the HICPAC when action has been taken based on their recommendations. Draft recommendations are presented in the Federal Register for public review and comment as part of our routine processes. In addition, deliberations and feedback is recorded in the HICPAC meeting minutes published on the HICPAC website for public viewing.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

This committee does not engage in grant review.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Public Meetings