



TOOLKIT 7 · INFECTION PREVENTION · TOOL 1 OF 5

Infection Prevention and Control — Core Components Self-Assessment

The eight WHO core components, scored to 800. Inadequate · Basic · Intermediate · Advanced. Once a year, and the score goes on the wall

1 · IPC programme (max 100)		
Question	Answer	Points
A named IPC focal person with protected time	Full-time 50 · Part-time 25 · None 0	
An IPC committee that meets at least quarterly with senior management	Yes 25 · Irregular 10 · No 0	
Annual IPC plan and budget	Yes 25 · Plan only 10 · No 0	
2 · IPC guidelines (max 100)		
Question	Answer	Points
Written guidelines for hand hygiene, standard precautions, transmission-based precautions, injection safety, sterilisation, waste	All 50 · Some 25 · None 0	
Guidelines consistent with national or WHO standards, dated, reviewed	Yes 25 · No 0	
Staff trained on the guidelines and adherence monitored	Yes 25 · No 0	
3 · Education and training (max 100)		
Question	Answer	Points
IPC training for all clinical staff at induction and yearly	Yes 50 · Induction only 25 · No 0	
Training includes practical demonstration (hand rub, PPE donning/doffing)	Yes 25 · No 0	
Training for cleaners, porters, catering	Yes 25 · No 0	
4 · Surveillance (max 100)		
Question	Answer	Points
Surveillance of at least one healthcare-associated infection (SSI, CLABSI, CAUTI, VAP) with case definitions	Yes 50 · Informal 20 · No 0	
Outbreak detection and response procedure	Yes 25 · No 0	
Results fed back to wards and management at least quarterly	Yes 25 · No 0	
5 · Multimodal strategies (max 100)		
Question	Answer	Points
Improvement uses system change + training + monitoring + reminders + culture together (not training alone)	Yes 50 · Two elements 25 · No 0	
A current improvement project with a named lead	Yes 25 · No 0	
Senior management visibly supports it	Yes 25 · No 0	
6 · Monitoring, audit and feedback (max 100)		
Question	Answer	Points

Hand-hygiene compliance audited by direct observation at least quarterly	Yes 40 · Yearly 20 · No 0	
Other IPC audits (PPE, sterilisation, cleaning, injection safety)	Yes 30 · Some 15 · No 0	
Results fed back to wards within a month	Yes 30 · No 0	
7 · Workload, staffing, bed occupancy (max 100)		
Question	Answer	Points
Bed occupancy kept at or below one patient per bed, with 1 m spacing	Yes 50 · Mostly 25 · No 0	
Nurse-to-patient ratio set and monitored	Yes 25 · No 0	
Overcrowding escalation rule	Yes 25 · No 0	
8 · Built environment, materials, equipment (max 100)		
Question	Answer	Points
Water, sanitation, hand-washing stations and hand rub at the point of care (Toolkit 2 survey)	All 40 · Some 20 · No 0	
Sterilisation service functioning and monitored; single-use items not reused	Yes 30 · No 0	
Isolation rooms or designated areas; PPE stock for 72 hours	Yes 30 · No 0	
Total / 800: _____	Inadequate 0–200 · Basic 201–400 · Intermediate 401–600 · Advanced 601–800	

Condensed from the WHO IPC Assessment Framework (IPCAF, 2018), which has 81 questions. The eight core components and the four levels are unchanged.

ASF standards: Standard 3 — infection prevention and control (annual self-assessment); Governance — measurement