

Becoming a Voice for Infection Prevention: New Jersey Infection Prevention Legislative & Regulatory Workshop

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Overview of Day

Role of the Chapter Legislative Representative

Federal update

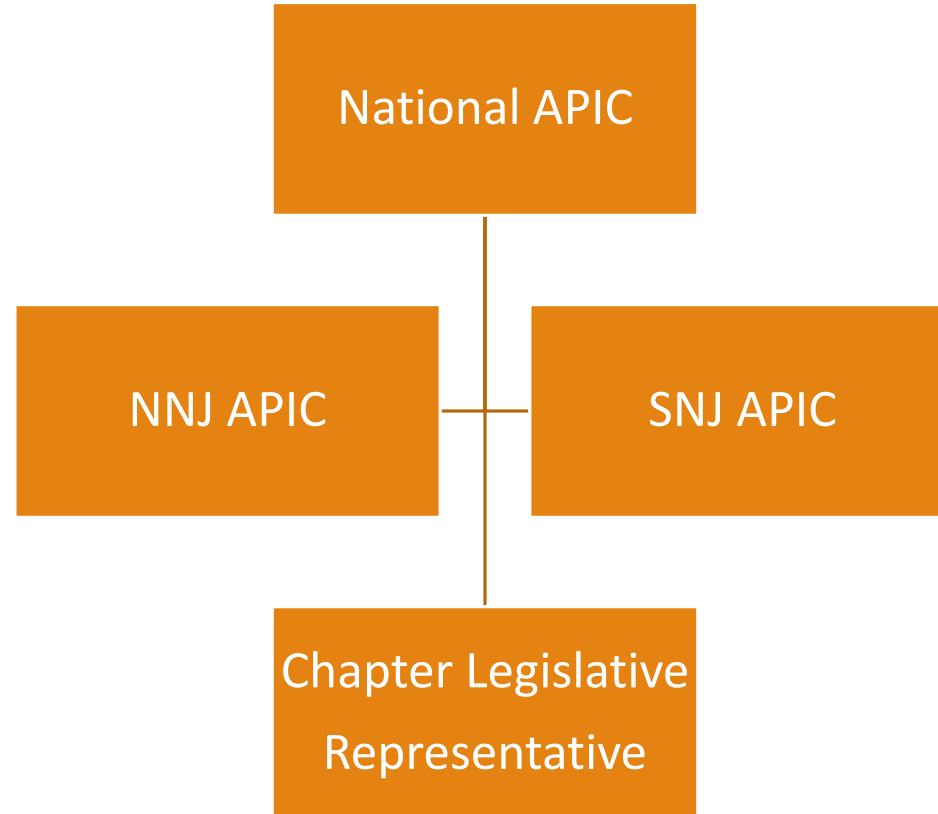
Group Discussion of Federal Issues

NJ legislative process

NJDOH updates

Group Discussion of State Issues





Northern NJ APIC #21

NNJ APIC Overview

Membership: 162 active members (vendors excluded)

49% of members hold active CIC

Members sit on national committees and several have been recognized at a national level for achievements

Awards and Recognition

- 2017 Chapter Excellence Award for Clinical and Professional Practice
- 2013 International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW) Community Education Grant
- 2011 Chapter Excellence Award for Strategic Alliance
- 2006 CBIC Chapter of the Year
- 2005 Chapter Excellence Award for Education, Communication and Information Resources
- 2004 Chapter Excellence Award for Strategic Alliance
- 1997 Runner Up for APIC Chapter of the Year
- 1989 APIC Chapter of the Year

**APIC NORTHERN
NEW JERSEY**

Chapter #021

**Association for
Professionals in
Infection Control &
Epidemiology
(APIC)
Northern New
Jersey
Chapter #021**



NNJ APIC: The Water Project

In collaborating with The Water Project (www.thewaterproject.org), a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; we raised funds in order to provide sanitation, hygiene education, as well as clean safe drinking water to people without it in the developing world.

The Water Project goes beyond sanitation and hygiene education by providing the technology and financial assistance needed to improve health outcomes and reduce the incidence of water related infections. Funding is directed to building and repair of wells, sand dams and other water technologies in sub-Saharan countries of Africa where clean and safe water is scarce.

Through our IIPW Grant and membership efforts, APICNNJ raised over \$8,700 which funded two projects in Kenya.

Total number of people impacted: 1,000

<http://thewaterproject.org/community/profile/apic-nnj>

NNJ APIC: NHSN Worksheets

A small group of APIC Northern NJ chapter members gathered and aligned their resources in order to support APIC's mission and strategic plan at the local level; forming the NHSN work group.

The tools they developed improve workflow and consistent application of NHSN surveillance definitions.

The NHSN worksheets are posted for everyone to use, and are available under "Tools" in the "Resources" section of the chapter website. <https://nnjapic.com/Tools>

APIC Northern NJ received the Chapter Excellence Award for Clinical and Professional Practice in June 2017.

NNJ APIC Elected Members 2018

President & GAL- Shannon Davila, MSN, RN, CIC, CPHQ

President-Elect- Susan Hanrahan, MS,MT (ASCP), CIC

Immediate Past President- Sharon Parrillo, BSN, RN, CIC

Treasurer- Griselda Johnson, BSN, RN, MS, CIC

Recording Secretary- Lisa Pessolano BSN,RN,CIC

Corresponding Secretary- Bhavna Desai, BS, MT(ASCP), CIC

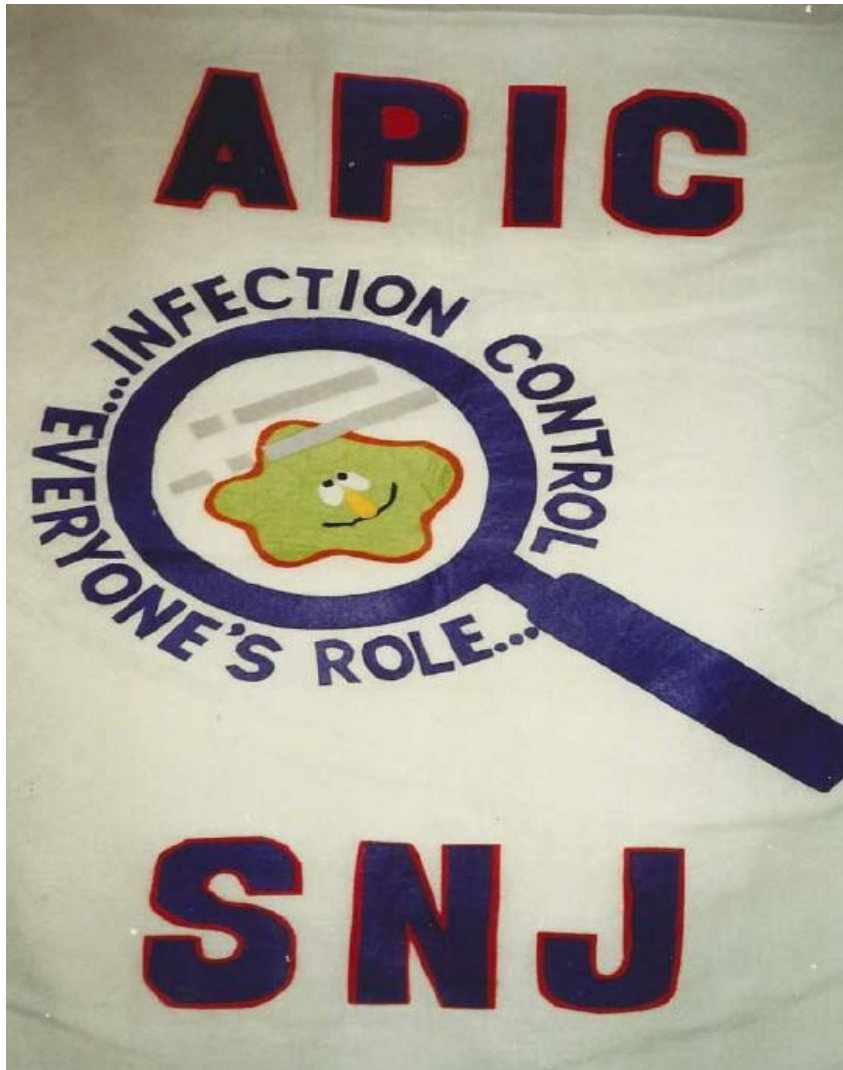
Membership- Kristen Manthey, BSN, RN, CIC

Directors/Education Co-Chairs-

- Lisa Rasimowicz, MSN, RN, CIC
- Tina Hucalla, BSN, RN

Nomination Committee-

- Allison Brown, MT, MPH, CIC
- Barbara St. John, BSN, RN, CIC, CCRN
- Cara Hartman, BSN, RN
- Laura Anderson, MSN, RN, CIC



Southern NJ
APIC #11

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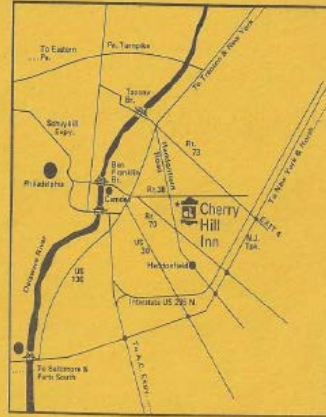


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Southern New Jersey
Chapter



Cherry Hill Inn / Route 38 and Haddonfield Road
Phone: (609) 662-7200 / (212) 226-2959

By Car
New York, North Jersey Points
New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 4 - Take Route 73 North to
Route 38 West to road sign that reads Haddonfield - turn
right under overpass.

Via Tabony - Palmyra Bridge
Follow Route 73 to road sign on right that reads Haddonfield
- turn right at sign. This is Haddonfield Road and leads to
Cherry Hill Inn on left.

Via Walt Whitman Bridge
Approach to Route 130 - Take Route 130 North to East on
Route 38 to Cherry Hill Inn on right.

Baltimore / Washington, Southern States
Baltimore / Washington, Parkway
Use Harbor Tunnel onto Interstate 95, (John F. Kennedy
Rav) - over Delaware Memorial Bridge onto New Jersey
Turnpike - Use Exit 4 to Route 73 North to Route 38
West to road sign that reads Haddonfield - Turn right under
overpass.

Atlantic City and South Jersey Points
Take Atlantic City Expressway to North/South Freeway
(Route 42) to Interstate 295 North to Route 70 West - To
right turn on Haddonfield Road (which is first right turn off
2nd traffic circle) to Cherry Hill Inn on right.

By Bus
New York City - Cherry Hill Transit Buses
leave Port Authority Terminal at 41st Street and 8th Avenue
frequently right to door of Cherry Hill Inn. Phone 212-
564-8484 or 609-424-2050.

By Train
Philadelphia, 30th Street Station. Take cab to Cherry
Hill Inn.

SNJ APIC History

Vision: Healthcare without infection

Mission: Create a safer world through
prevention of infection

1972- APIC incorporated; December 7, 1972,
Catherine Lahay, RN Epidemiologist, NJDOH-
organized 14 women from hospitals in SNJ at
Mercer Medical Center

SNJ APIC attained national chapter status on
11/26/1976 (unofficially 2 years old)

- 11th local chapter to join national APIC



ASSOCIATION FOR PRACTITIONERS IN INFECTION CONTROL

NEWSLETTER, VOL. I, NO. 1, MARCH 1973

WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE

....Claire M. Coppage

What is APIC and how did it all get started?

In January 1969 several nurses attending the CDC course SURVEILLANCE, PREVENTION, AND CONTROL OF HOSPITAL-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS came to me as Course Director and voiced the need for a national organization of nurses working in infection control programs. The spokesman for the group was Lucille Arkin of the University of Kentucky, and she asked me to name a committee to investigate the possibility of organizing such a group.

This idea was then presented to the course participants from the podium for discussion. The results of the discussion were as follows:

- (1) There was a generally felt need for an organization which could enhance communication between infection control programs and provide information on current recommendations in infection control.
- (2) The organization should be multi-discipline.

PLEASE NOTE:

Because we are off to a slower-than-anticipated start, all APIC memberships have been extended through December 31, 1973. This means that members at this writing get an extra 6 months for your money! Beginning January 1, 1974, membership will be based on the calendar year and dues will be due on January 1 of each year.

If you have paid your dues and have not received your membership card, please be assured that you will! If you do not receive your card in approximately 8 weeks after paying your dues, please notify our Treasurer! Your card, or even your application, could have been lost in the mail.

Welcome to the Association for Practitioners in Infection Control. Each of you has the opportunity to make an impact on the organization, each of you is truly valuable. Thank you for your support.

Patricia Lynch

FROM THE EDITOR

The first APIC Newsletter is designed to tell you about APIC and to set up a means of communication between members to promote the goals and objectives of the association. The Newsletter format will be in a state of flux until our first general meeting, at which time we can determine from the membership the direction the Newsletter should take. In the meantime, we will plan for three issues per year. We don't plan to duplicate anything from another newsletter or journal, but will call your attention to articles and publications of interest.

Please send the information solicited to the editorial committee member so designated and any other suggestions to any member of the editorial committee. The editorial committee is working on a voluntary basis, so we may not be able to answer your letters but do solicit them. Our energies will be directed toward getting out the next issue.

Julie Garner

Editorial Committee: Grace Emori, Marie Lech, Suzanne Legace, Elizabeth Pantelick, Kay Wenzel

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 30, 1972

Membership dues.....	\$4090.00
Expenses.....	250.35
Balance on Hand, November 30, 1972.....	3839.65

Meet Our Board!

- 174 Members
 - Actively recruiting
- Members sit on national committees and several have been recognized at a national level for achievements
- Meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of most months

2018 APIC-SNJ Board of Directors and Officers

To contact any officer, please send your email to: info.apicsnj@yahoo.com

President:	Susan Engel, RN, BSN
President-elect:	Jennifer Sneddon, DNP, CIC
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Professional Development Director:	Nancy Szilagyi, CIC
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	Rita Carr-Robinson
	Jacqueline Breuer
	Joann Hill
	Gemma Downham

Awards & Recognitions

2018- Chapter Leader Award- Susan Engel

2015- Chapter Leader Award- Mary Caruso

2014- Two members selected to sit on APIC National Committees- Education/Membership

2014-Chapter Leader Award- Caren Anuszewski

2013- Chapter Excellence Award for Synergistic Alliances/Chapter Leadership Award- Elyse Beth Krug

2012- Chapter Leader Award- Nancy Szilagyi

2011- Chapter Leader Award- Renee Fusco

2011- Member selected to sit on APIC National Education Committee- Nancy Szilagyi

2010- Heroes of Infection Prevention- Northeastern Infection Control Educators

2010- Chapter Leader Award- Carol Ward

2009- APIC Award for Education- Arlene Potts

2009- Chapter Leader Award- Peg Janasie

2008- Chapter Leader Award- Bridget Farrell

2004- Chapter Excellence Award for Member Support and Organizational Excellence

2003- Chapter Leader Award- Cathi Wilson

2003- APIC Distinguished Service Award- Arlene Potts

1979- granted Allied Health Membership in NJHA “experts in infection control”

Become a Member!

Membership Categories

Full/active member US/Canada \$205 | International \$80

Individuals who are currently practicing or managing infection prevention or epidemiology programs in a patient care setting; government or regulatory agency. Members in this category may vote in elections, serve on committees, and hold elected office.

Associate member US/Canada \$215 | International \$80

Individuals who are not actively involved in the practice or management of infection prevention or epidemiology. These members may not vote, hold office or serve on committees.

Student member US/Canada \$80 | International \$80

Individuals enrolled full-time in an accredited institution, prior to the award of an associates or bachelors degree. Such members may not vote or hold office; however, may serve on committees.

Retired member US/Canada \$80 | International \$80

Individuals who are no longer employed in any capacity and who have had five consecutive years of active or associate APIC membership prior to retirement. Retired members may not vote or hold elected office, however, they may serve in appointed capacities. For more information or to apply for retired membership, please call our member services team at 1-800-650-9570, option 1.

REQUEST TO APPROVE APIC MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____
To: _____
From: _____

FOR YOUR EMPLOYER

\$46,000 vs. **\$205**

\$900-\$46,000
The financial impact of each healthcare-associated infection (HAI) on your facility.¹

\$205-\$215
The annual cost of an APIC membership.

1 (Health Care-Associated Infections: A Burden and Financial Impact on the US Health Care System. JAMA Intern Med. 2013)

When it comes to infection prevention, educated staff members are one of the most important investments your facility can make. APIC membership is crucial in helping your facility remain compliant, reduce risk, control costs, and protect patients.

APIC Membership

- Free publications
- Free monthly webinars
- Free implementation guides
- Regulatory updates
- Discounted education and resources
- Advance notification of healthcare reporting requirements

Educated Staff

- Current on best practices
- Prepared for outbreaks, disasters, and emergencies

Improved Outcomes

- Protect patients
- Improve facility performance
- Avoid additional HAI costs

Maximize your facility's performance by approving your staff's APIC membership.



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Chapter Resources

Education

Membership meetings

- Networking
- Chapter Mentoring Program

Northeastern Infection Control Educators (NICE)

Joint APIC NJ/IDSNJ Annual Conference

Annual National APIC Conference

Date: September 20, 2018

Speaker: Karen Worthington- NJDOH

Topic: Vectorborne Disease Update

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 26, 2018

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Education

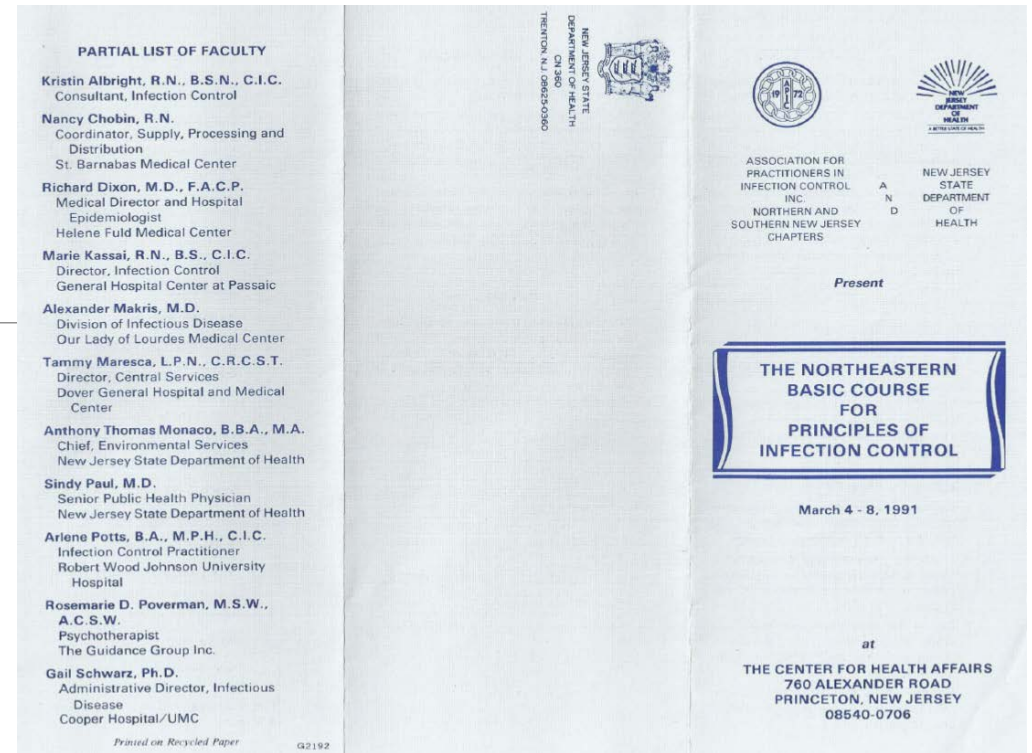
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SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 14, 2018

IDSNJ, APIC SNJ AND APIC NNJ
PRESENT THE 12th ANNUAL
JOINT CONFERENCE
AT THE FORSGATE COUNTRY CLUB,
MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ

The Changing Paradigm of Infectious Disease Prevention



GONZALO BEARMAN,
MD, MPH

TO ISOLATE OR NOT: THAT
IS THE QUESTION!

WILLIAM RUTALA,
PHD, MPH

AN UPDATE ON
DISINFECTION AND
STERILIZATION

MICHAEL OSTERHOLM,
PHD, MPH

AN UPDATE ON VACCINES

THOMAS KIRN, MD, MPH
UPDATE IN LAB
TECHNOLOGIES FOR
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

AND MORE!



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What does a CLR do?

- act as a legislative and regulatory conduit between APIC and their chapter
- mobilize chapter members during advocacy campaigns
- help monitor state legislation



The Role of the Chapter Legislative Representative (CLR)

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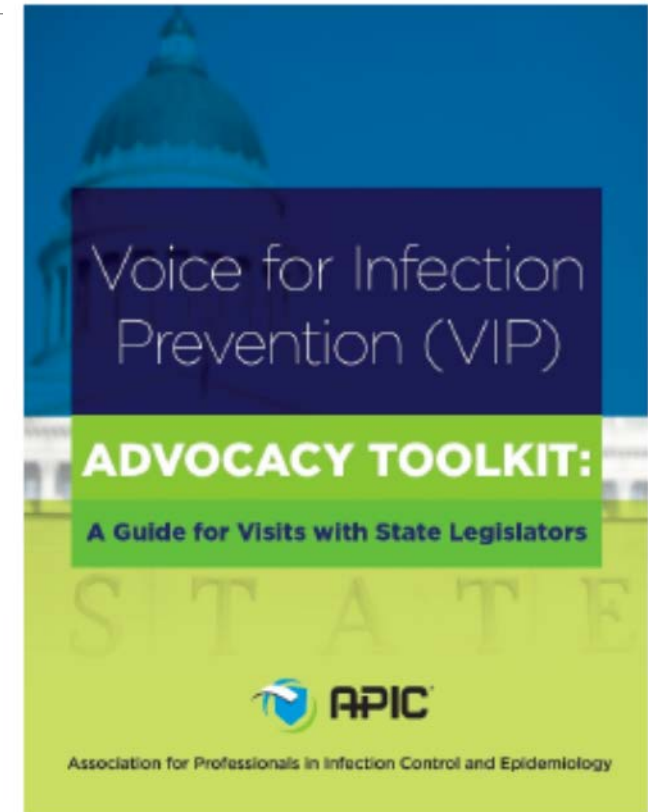
Different names- government affairs liaison, legislative director

Provide important legislative and regulatory updates to their chapters

APIC's ears on the ground: we provide important information about chapter concerns regarding specific policies

Monitor state and federal issues

Organize advocacy efforts on behalf on their chapter



APIC National Supports Local Chapters

The Public Policy Committee

- Federal legislation: The Public Policy Committee assists in the development of legislative materials, federal testimony, and reviews coalition letters to ensure positions stated are consistent with APIC statements.
- Federal regulatory: The Public Policy Committee responds to federal agencies' request for public comment on regulations affecting infection prevention. The committee ensures that comments are consistent with APIC position statements, previous comments and strategic goals.
- State Oversight: The Public Policy Committee maintains knowledge of state legislative trends in order to ascertain if a national policy position statement is necessary.

APIC Strategic Plan 2020

[HTTP://WWW.APIC.ORG/RESOURCE_/TINYMCEFILEMANAGER/APIC_STRATEGIC_FRAMEWORK_022012.PDF](http://www.apic.org/resource_/tinymcefilemanager/apic_strategic_framework_022012.pdf)

Advocacy Goal

Influence and facilitate legislative, accreditation, and regulatory agenda for infection prevention with consumers, policy makers, health care leaders, and personnel across the care continuum.

Objectives and initiatives

1. Advance the development and adoption of scientifically valid, actionable, infection prevention measures and the necessary technology support that promotes appropriate data collection.
2. Support and advocate for resources that promote effective infection prevention and control efforts, programs, and initiatives.
3. Promote active IP participation and collaboration with organizational leadership of providers, consumer advocacy groups, and payers to enhance infection prevention and control on all levels and points of care.

Indicators

- Awareness and understanding of HAI reporting measures and their role in prevention
- Expansion of infrastructure for infection prevention and control programs
- Communication and interaction with executive leadership at increased level

IP Competencies and Certification Goal

Define, develop, strengthen, and sustain competencies of the IP across the career span and support board certification in infection prevention and control (CIC®) to obtain widespread adoption.

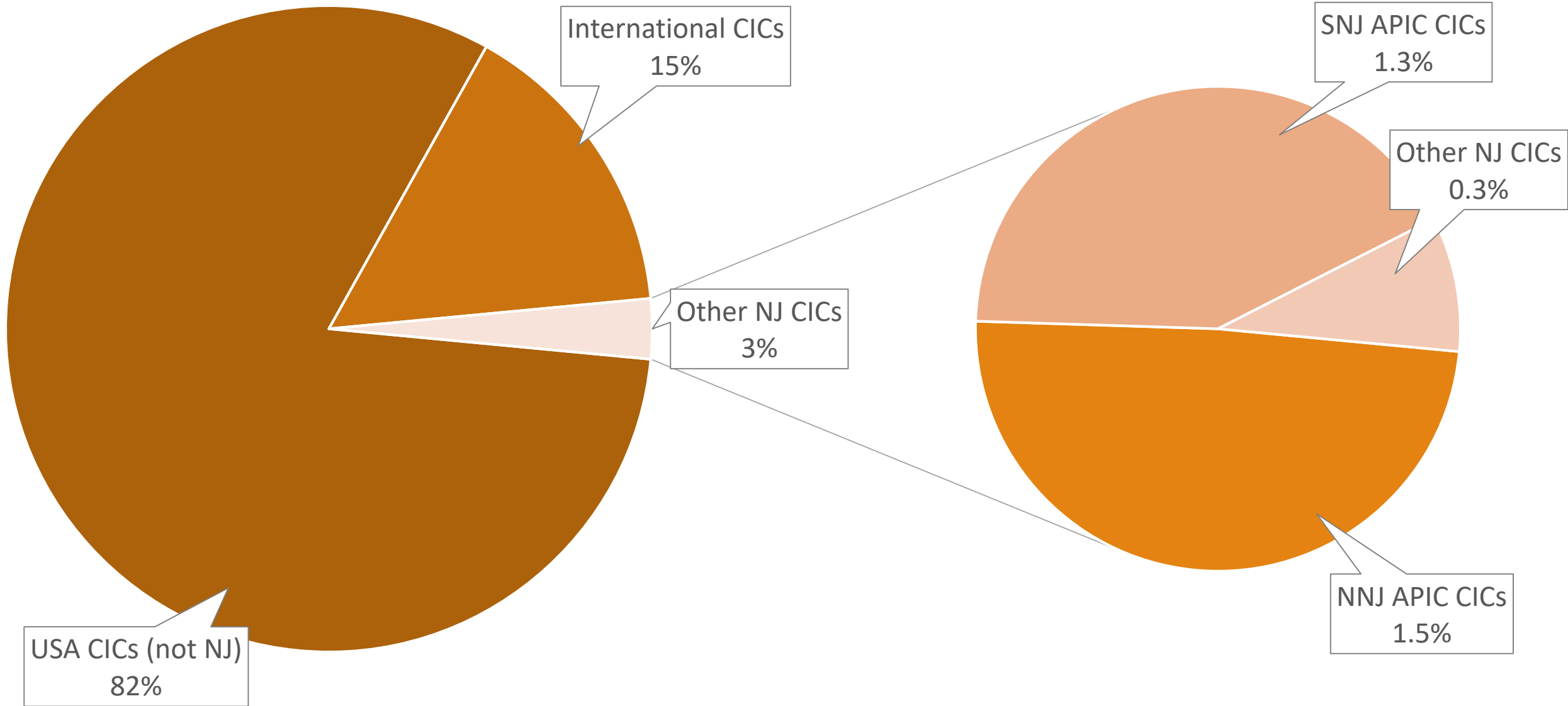
Objectives and initiatives

1. Develop and refine APIC IP competency model and program for the career span.
2. Develop white paper and associated resources to support optimal use of the competency model for IPs and other leaders at the point of patient care.
3. Promote the value of CIC® certification to key stakeholders, regulators, consumers, and accreditors.
4. Explore options for supporting and recognizing IPs who have achieved an advanced/expert level of knowledge and skills.

Indicators

- Publication and dissemination of IP competency model to members and partner organizations
- Certification of 50 percent of eligible APIC members as CIC®
- Contribution of CIC® on patient safety and infection prevention identified through sponsored research study

Percent (%) CIC Professionals by Location



New Jersey Infection Prevention Activities

New Jersey Sepsis Learning Action Collaborative

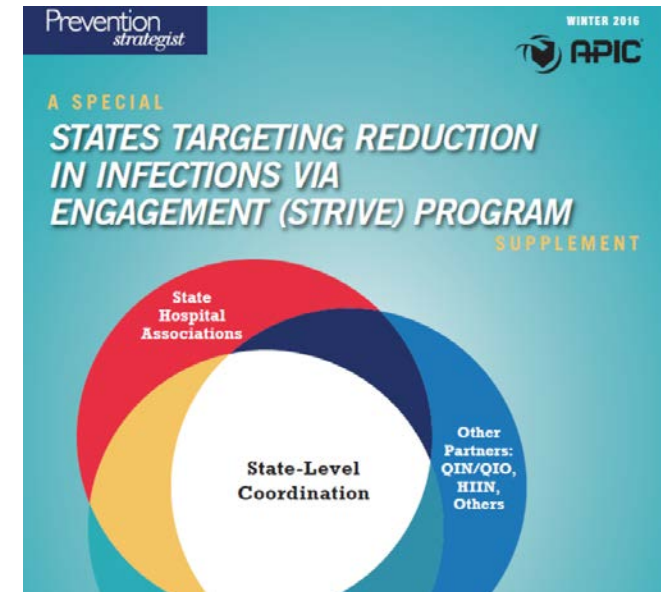
- Reduced inpatient sepsis mortality across NJ
- Sepsis bundle compliance 56% compared to 49% nationally
- Focus on patient across the continuum of care

STRIVE Collaborative

- NJHA and NJHDOH supported a cohort of hospitals to reduce CDI, MRSA, CAUTI and CLABSI
- Teams focused on completing practice assessments, using the TAP approach, and improving competency-based training in basic areas of infection prevention

New Jersey Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (NJHIIN)

- New Jersey Hospital Association funded by CMS to work with hospitals to reduce harm across the board
- HAI prevention is a priority focus of NJHIIN
- Seen significant reductions in CAUTI, CLABSI, CDI, and MRSA



New Jersey Infection Prevention Activities (cont'd)

Network/support for outbreak/recall activities

- 2016 Invasive Nontuberculous Mycobacterium infections following cardiac surgery with exposure to heater-cooler devices

Infection Control Assessment and Response

- Coordinated by the DOH
- Assessments conducted at different care locations and settings
- Consultative not regulatory

Joint Chapter review of NJ Hospital Licensing Standards

- Reviewing IP staffing ratio
- Reviewing patient immunization requirements
- Edits and changes will be reviewed by DOH

Summary

- Work with your Chapter Legislative Representative to address any local, state or federal needs or issues
- Stay informed on the happenings at the state and federal level
- Don't be afraid to ask clarifying questions or seek more information
- Become a member!

Thank you!!