



**FLORIDA PROFESSIONALS  
IN INFECTION CONTROL**  
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# Annual Report

## 2026



Promoting Scientifically Based Infection Control  
and Epidemiological Principles and Practices  
Through Public Policy Advocacy, Stakeholder  
Collaboration and Professional Development

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The Florida Professionals in Infection Control (FPIC) is recognized as the leading professional organization of infection control and epidemiologic expertise throughout the state. Our mission is to promote scientifically based infection control and epidemiological principles and practices through public policy advocacy, collaboration, and professional development. Our vision is a health care system that values and recognizes that Infection Preventionists in Florida are knowledgeable, confident, and successful leaders in eliminating health care associated infections. Our members are employed in settings along the health care delivery continuum including hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, physician office practices and more. Our society looks forward to continuing our role as a stakeholder in promoting public policy that advances patient safety through infection prevention and we are pleased to provide this Annual Report summarizing our yearly activities.

## Advocacy & Collaboration

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In the early 70's individuals from across the state met in Orlando to establish a statewide group for Infection Control Advocacy, and the Florida Professionals in Infection Control (FPIC) was born. FPIC has a rich history of advocacy and contributing to the development of landmark public policy including testimony by our members at Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hearings for the adoption of the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard, providing input to the Florida Legislature on the development of state infection prevention regulations and guidelines; advocating for the state legislature to declare a yearly Infection Control Week, input at the state level to create the framework for health care associated infection reporting and most recently as an organizational member of the Florida Department of Health HAI Advisory Board.

In 2019 the Florida Legislature passed HB 943 which modified Florida Statute 395.1012 requiring the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) to create a "form" with data on the rate of Hospital Acquired Infections that must be provided (by each hospital) to patients or a patient's representatives. In response to the passage of this legislation, our society developed a specialized continuing education series to provide innovative scientifically based best practices to assist our members in developing an internal action plan to improve HAI outcomes.

During the recent COVID-19 Pandemic, our society played a critical role in promoting collaboration between our members in different health care delivery settings as part of an effort to respond to the statewide emergency response initiatives.

In 2023 the Florida Legislature passed SB 252 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and the Department of Health (DOH) to jointly develop standards for the appropriate use of facial coverings for infection control in health care settings through the administrative rule making process. In response to the passage of this legislation, our society provided Florida specific input during the rule making process consistent with scientifically based infection control and epidemiological principles and practices.



Most recently FPIC represented our profession by participating in two meetings hosted by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and Florida Department of Health to create a statewide action plan for the management of Candida auris. The first meeting held in Tampa, FL included a moderated discussion utilizing a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) framework to facilitate the discussion. The primary purpose of this multidisciplinary discussion was to utilize information learned from a variety of state stakeholders as a foundation for the development of SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely) objectives at the second workgroup meeting. Our society will be a key stakeholder in the dissemination and implementation of the Statewide Action Plan.

# Professional Development

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Our society offers a yearly IP Essentials course which provides specialized training to educate new Infection Preventionist on the statutory / regulatory requirements in Florida Law and to prepare them to manage internal infection control and prevention programs. Our IP Essentials course is the only training program that covers topics applicable across the entire health care delivery continuum.

Our monthly Webinar Series is designed to satisfy the re-certification requirements for the Certified Infection Control CIC® credential offered by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology. Our society recently launched a specialized Lunch and Learn Online Chat Series designed to highlight innovative research taking place in Florida Universities and to facilitate the implementation of research into practice at the organization / facility level.



The FPIC Mentorship Program aims to connect members of our profession who are seeking to make the transition from management to leadership with the skills necessary to advance in their profession and to administer infection control and prevention initiatives at the enterprise level.

Our society is proud to be recognized as the leading professional organization of infection control and epidemiologic expertise throughout the state and we invite you to learn more about our ongoing efforts to promote scientifically based epidemiological principles and infection prevention practices throughout our state.

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