

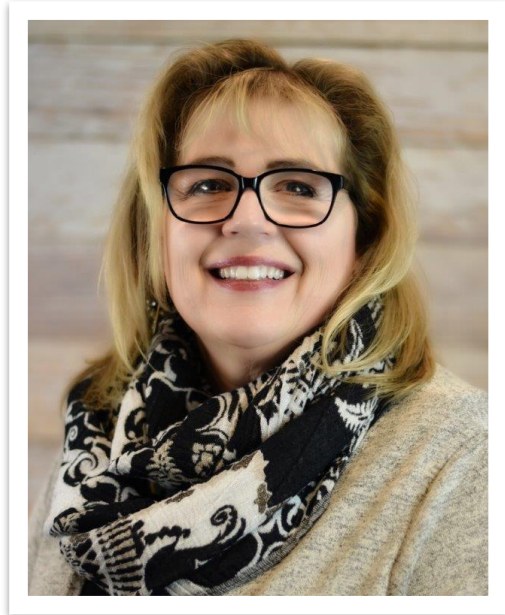


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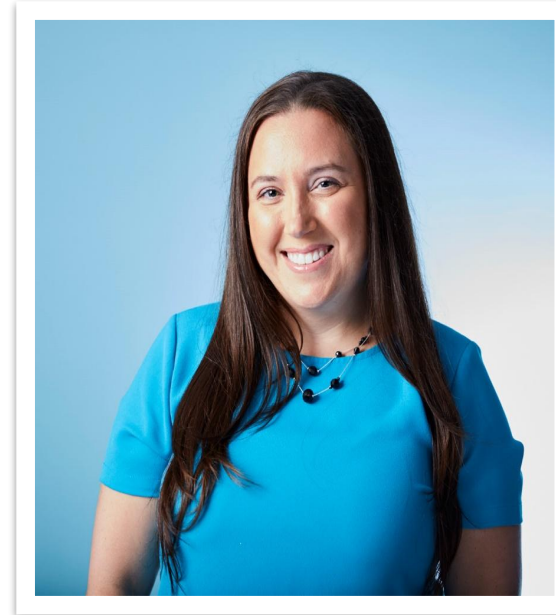
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# Best Practice Considerations for Infection Prevention in the Home Setting

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# Importance of Infection Prevention – Care Continuum

# Overview of Infection Prevention and Control



Florence Nightingale

# Understanding the Basics is ESSENTIAL

## The Spread of Infection Basics

- Source
- Susceptible Person
- Transmission



<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/spread/index.html>

# Infection Prevention and Control



Updated  
Best  
Practice  
Systems



Employee  
Education and  
Competence

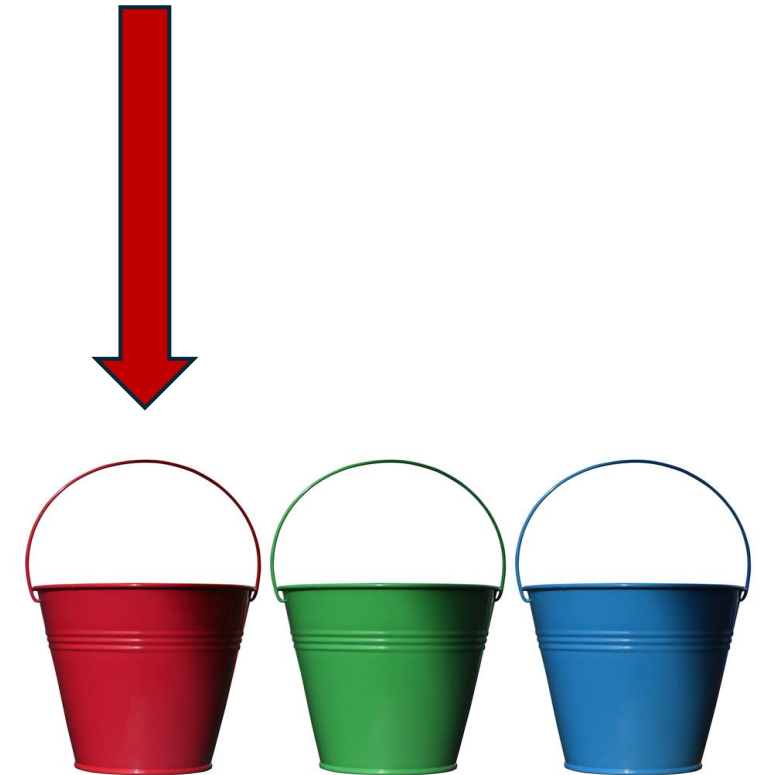


Ongoing  
Surveillance  
and Action

# Updated Best Practices

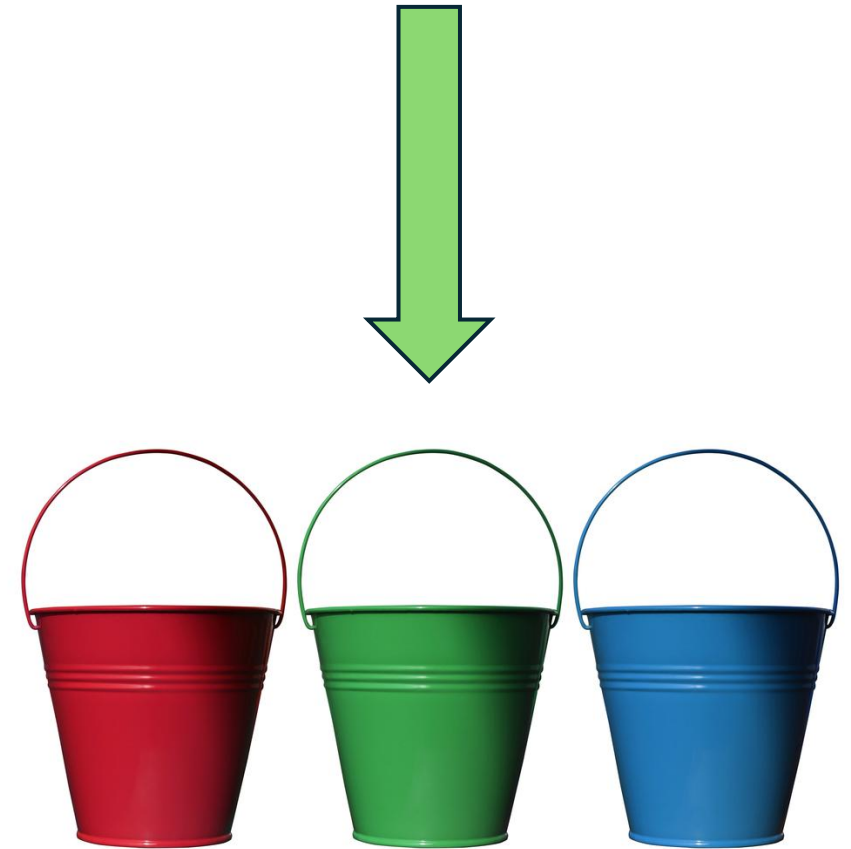
## Examples include:

- State Requirements
- Federal (CMS) Requirements
- CDC Guidance
- Evidence-based Review Articles
- Current industry manuals/textbooks
- Industry Standards (published by professional organizations)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines
- Accreditation Bodies



# Employee Education and Competency

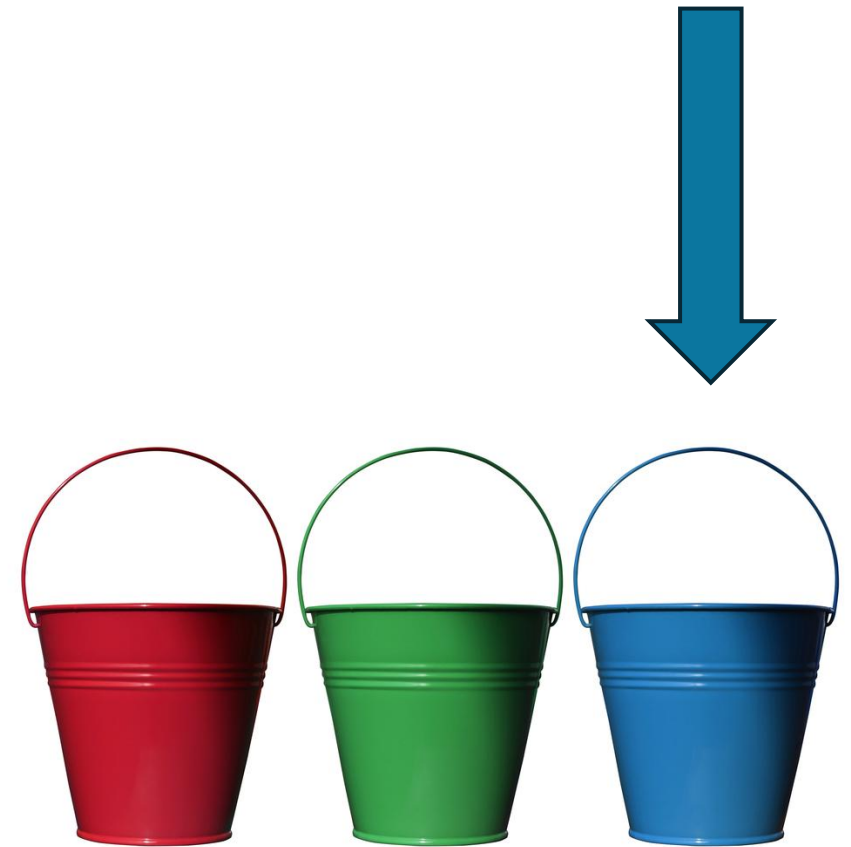
- Infection Prevention and Control 101
- Hand Hygiene
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Standard and Transmission-based Precautions
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Vaccinations
- Respiratory Hygiene and Cough Etiquette
- Antibiotic Stewardship
- Infections and Communicable Diseases
- State and Federal Guidance
- Employee Health
- Reporting
- Policies and Procedures





# Ongoing Surveillance and Action

- Ongoing
- Systematic
- Based on National Standards
- Collection, Analysis, Interpretation and Dissemination of Data
- Data Used for Quality Improvement





# Impact Across the Continuum of Care

- Preparation and Planning
- Communication Process
- Guidance
- Resources





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## 2 Key Strategies to Reduce the Spread of Infections

# Care Practices

Hand Hygiene

Appropriate  
PPE

Respiratory  
Hygiene/Cough  
Etiquette

Cleaning and  
Disinfection

Safe Injection  
Practices

Vaccinations

# Care Transitions

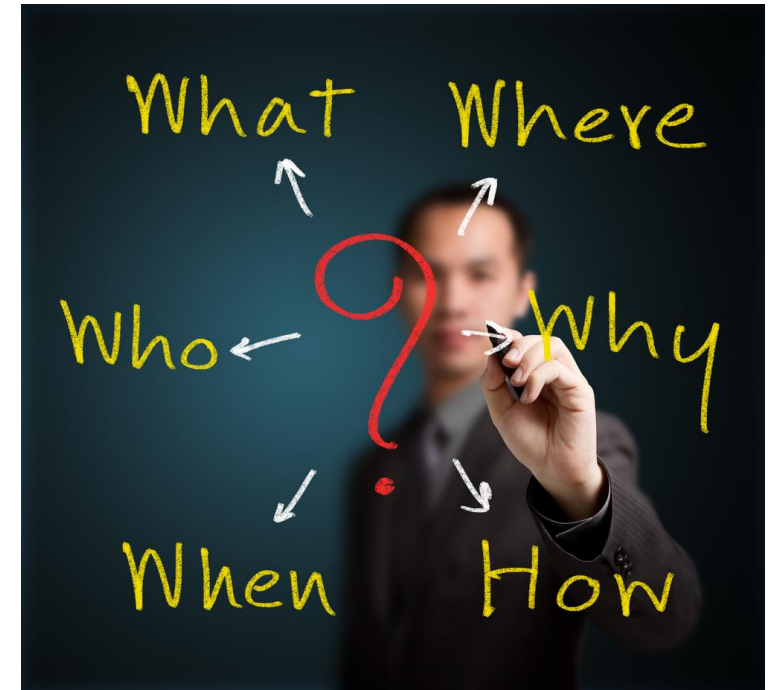
- Shared Accountability
- Can Occur on Multiple Levels
- Risks
  - Infections
  - Medication Errors
  - Complications
  - Clinical Outcomes



# Cleaning and Disinfection



- Who?
- What?
- Where?
- How?
- Why?
- When?



# Helpful Resources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. How Infections Spread: <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/spread/index.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Infection Control Basics: <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/index.html>
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- The Joint Commission: Home Care Infection Prevention and Control Resources: <https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/patient-safety-topics/infection-prevention-and-control/home-care-infection-prevention-and-control/>



# Training for Professional Caregivers

- The importance of planning and preparation (initial and annual training).
- It does not have to be difficult; the basics are important!
- Keeping with Best Practices-State, Federal (CMS) & CDC guidelines/requirements.
- Ongoing surveillance (supervisory visits).
- Providing tools for success.





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# Best Practices

# Best Practices In Action

- Thinking about the requirements and guidelines (State, Federal, and local level)
- How to be successful? Lean into technology and virtual options.
- Example of meeting training needs.
- Supply your team for success.



# Best Practices Across the Care Continuum



- Preparation
  - Preadmission Assessment Tool
- Communication—both ways
  - Ask the right questions
  - Dig a little deeper
- Watch for symptoms

# Takeaways, Tips and Resources

- Review Association Newsletters and Educational Opportunities for Updates in Infection Control
- Watch for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Updates
- State Department of Health Infection Control weblinks
- Local Public Health Resources





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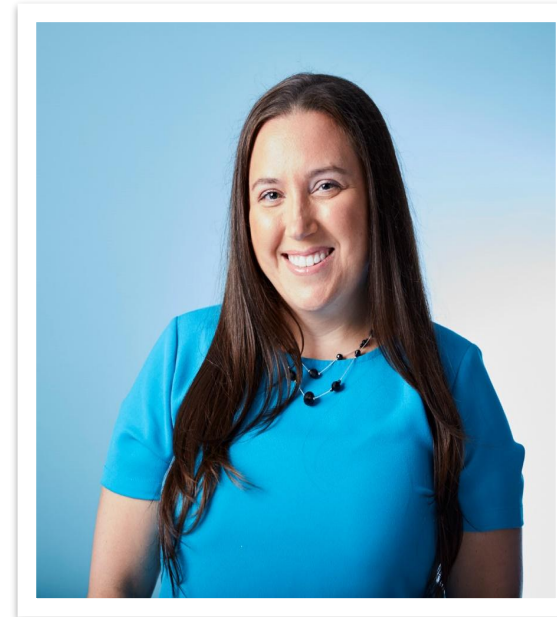
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# Question and Answers

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