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## Profile

This **60-90 minute** session will address current information on infection prevention and control programs (IPCP) leveraging best practices from those who have faced the challenge of infection control with the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides the knowledge you need to have for an active functioning IPCP and to create policies and procedures that meet regulatory requirements. Attending this webinar will provide a review of infection prevention and control principles and will assist you in avoiding citations from a Focus Infection Control Survey.

## Speaker

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## Background

On November 28, 2016, Phase I Requirements of Participation (RoP) for Infection Prevention and Control were implemented. Facilities had to establish an Infection Prevention and Control Program with a system for preventing, identifying, reporting, investigating and controlling infections and communicable diseases for residents, staff, volunteers, visitors and other contracted individuals. In addition, an Antibiotic Stewardship program was mandated.

On November 28, 2017, Phase 2 Requirements of Participation for Infection Prevention and Control Programs had further conditions and requirements for the Antibiotic Stewardship program.

On November 28, 2019, Phase 3 Requirements of Participation for a qualified Infection Preventionist took effect.

On March 13, 2020, the President issued an emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”) to declare a national health emergency. During this Public Health Emergency, there has been more specific and frequently updated guidance regarding numerous aspects of Infection Prevention and Control by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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## Recommended Audience

Owners and Operators, CEO, CFO, Administrators, Medical Directors, Geriatricians, Board of Directors, Nursing Management, Direct Care Nurses in a SNF, Therapy Management, Occupational

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Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech Language Pathologists, MDS Coordinators, Compliance Officers, Reimbursements Specialists, Social Workers, Case Managers and Business Office Managers.

## Objectives

1. Identify the **eight core elements** of infection control.
2. Identify the **difference** between **Standard, Contact and Airborne Precautions**.
3. Identify the **seven core elements** of antibiotic stewardship.

## Goals

This program will assist long term care professionals to gain an understanding of how to provide and document stellar infection prevention and control based on policies and procedures reflecting current guidance.