

# Nosocomial and Healthcare Associated Infections

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## Infection Control: Through the barricades?!

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**M**icro-organisms aren't stopped through the walls of any health care institution (HCI). An introduction can vary from both patients, clients, visitors, or healthcare workers. Since antimicrobial drug resistance (AMR) is recognized as a significant problem in combating infections in HCIs, especially in hospitals and nursing homes, there is an increasing discussion on how to organize infection control 'through the barricades' e.g. HCIs. Every hospital has their own Infection Prevention Practitioners (IPPs). They practice a good job of increasing hygiene and infection control in those settings, based on national guidelines and other evidence or best practice. Since there is increasing attention for infection control in other care institutions, IPPs are more involved in infection control policy in those institutes. Sometimes there is a (strong) link with a regional hospital, sometimes the job is done as a freelance IPP, and sometimes there is a contract with an IPP from the public health organization. While this is a good development, it's sometimes remarkable that all those IPPs in all those hospitals and other HCIs are doing the same

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