



Infection Prevention and Control: Our Commitment, Your Well-Being

HOSPITAL BEST PRACTICES IN INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (HBPIPC) AWARDS YEAR 12

“EMPOWERING HOSPITALS TO PROTECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH IPC BEST PRACTICES”

- I. Overall Awards by Hospital Level (Levels 3,2,1, PCF)**
II. Seven (7) Special Awards by Hospital Level (Level 3,2,1,PCF)

- Best in Hand Hygiene
- Best in Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Best in Environmental Cleaning and Decontamination
- Best in Management of Infection Prevention Among Healthcare Workers
- Best in Outbreak Prevention and Management
- Best in Healthcare Waste-Management
- Best in Infection Prevention and Control Innovation

- III. Best Infection and Prevention Control Committee by Hospital Level (Level 3,2,1)**
IV. Best Infection Control Nurse by Hospital Level (Level 3,2,1,PCF)
**V. Best Hand Hygiene Tiktok Challenge (Health Facility , Individual and People’s
Choice Award)**

ELIGIBILITY:

1. A hospital must be a member of good standing of PHA as of 2025
2. It must have a functioning Infection Control Committee (ICC) for at least one year.

MECHANICS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Interested Infection Control Committees whose healthcare facilities meet the eligibility criteria [may apply online via this link](#). The PHA will send letters of invitation to all its member hospitals by email.
2. **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FOR DIGITAL SUBMISSION:**
 - a. Hospital memorandum indicating the composition and roles of the infection prevention and control team
 - b. **For Over-all Awards:**
 - 1) Two (2)-page summary (Font: Arial 10, single 1.0 paragraph spacing, narrow margin) of the entire infection prevention and control program of the hospital which include:*
 - 2) Highlights of the activities conducted 2-3 sentences summarizing activities on:
 - Hand Hygiene
 - Antimicrobial Stewardship
 - Environmental Cleaning and Decontamination
 - Management of Infection Prevention among Healthcare Workers
 - Outbreak Prevention and Management
 - Healthcare Waste-Management
 - 3) Describe the impact of the program to the hospital such as by reporting data from surveillance and monitoring of activity/-ies, program success parameters or outcome measures (e.g. hand hygiene rates, HAI and other device-related rates, bundles of care compliance rates, etc.)
 - 4) Any special issues encountered during the last 12-month period and how this/these were addressed
 - 5) One (1) paragraph description of how top hospital management provides support to the program
 - 6) Personnel improvement and training of the infection prevention and control team
 - 7) Plans for sustainability of the IPC program/s (financial, manpower, training)
 - 8) Other relevant information
 - c. **For the other 7 special awards:**
 - 1) One (1)-page summary (Font: Arial 10, single 1.0 paragraph spacing, narrow margin) of the activities pertaining to the category

- 2) Describe the impact to the hospital such as by reporting data from surveillance and monitoring of activity/-ies, program success parameters or outcome measures (e.g. hand hygiene rates, HAI and other device-related rates, bundles of care compliance rates, etc.)

3) Problems encountered and how they were solved

4) Plans for sustainability of the program/s (financial, manpower, training)

5) Other relevant information

6) Summary tables, graphs and photos can be attached as annex and not part of page limit

7) Please use “narrow” margin, font size 10, single-space, up to maximum 3 pages per entry

8) ALL ENTRIES must be compiled and send to PHA email thru **Google Drive**, which PHA will give you the link upon registration to HBPIPC
- a. Video and other multimedia support, pictures (limited to 3 pages only) pertaining to the experiences ARE ENCOURAGED

b. Facilities who would like to join the special awards only can use the same format and choose which category they want to join.

REQUIREMENTS:

Over-all Award

Means of verification for the items listed in the summary
*Corresponding deductions will be given for anything in excess of the allotted 2-page allotment.

Duration/Time Frame :
All accomplishments from January 2024 to December 2024 only

Best Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Committee Award :
Mechanics :

The Best IPC Committee Award aims to recognize exemplary infection prevention and control initiatives that enhance patient safety, protect healthcare workers, and contribute to institutional excellence.

Eligibility

All hospitals with an established IPC Committee are eligible to participate. Participating hospitals must submit complete documentation and multimedia presentation by the specified deadline.

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated by a designated panel based on the following:

Criteria	Weight
1. Complete IPC Organizational Chart	10%
2. Projects/Activities of the IPC Committee	30%
3. Impact of Projects/Activities	50%
• Impact to Patients	20%
• Impact to Healthcare Workers	20%
• Impact to Hospital	10%
4. AV (Audio-Visual) Presentation	10%
Total	100%

Submission Requirements

- Organizational Chart of the IPC Committee with clear reporting lines and committee membership.
- Summary Report detailing IPC projects/activities conducted within the current evaluation period. Two (2)-page summary (Font: Arial 10, single 1.0 paragraph spacing, narrow margin)
- Impact Assessment highlighting quantitative and qualitative outcomes on patients, healthcare workers, and the hospital.
- AV Presentation (5–7 minutes) showcasing the IPC committee’s accomplishments, strategies, and innovations.

Best Infection Control Nurses :

Eligibility/Requirements:

1. He/ She must be endorsed by the Chair of the Infection Control Committee or Chief of Hospital and approved by the Hospital Administrator or Medical Director
2. He/ She must have at least three (3) years of continuous experience as an IPCN in:

a. The same hospital or healthcare facility

b. If in 2 hospitals or healthcare facilities, should have served for at least two (2) years of continuous experience as an IPCN in one (1) of the two (2) hospitals or healthcare facilities.
3. He/ She must have completed and passed the Basic Competency Training Course (BCTC) conducted by the Philippine Hospital Infection Control Nurses Association (PHICNA) during his/her term as an IPCN in the hospital or healthcare facility.
(Will be verified from PHICNA)

- 4. He/ She must have attended in the last three (3) years, relevant trainings in IPC given by authoritative organizations in IPC, local or international, such as the Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Hospital Infection Control Society Inc. (PHICS), Philippine Hospital Infection Control Nurses Association (PHICNA), World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Asia Pacific Society of Infection Control (APSIC), Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) among others. *(Certificate/s of attendance must be presented)*
- 5. The hospital or health care facility where the IPCN candidate belongs must have entered in the HBPIPC Year 12 for the Over-all awards that include activities on Hand Hygiene, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Environmental Cleaning and Decontamination, Protection and Occupational Exposure Management Among Healthcare Workers, Outbreak Prevention and Management and Healthcare Waste- Management *(Please see mechanics)*
- 6. He/ She must submit a two (2) page essay or write-up answering the question: “ *Why I must be chosen as the Best IPCN for HBPIPC Year 12?*” This essay must showcase the achievements in IPC of the hospital or healthcare facility with the IPCN candidate and ICC chair at the helm. (Font: Arial, Font Size:10, Single 1.0 paragraph spacing, Narrow margin)
- 7. He/ She must be of good moral standing.
- 8. There is no age restriction.

NOTE: Some key questions : What if the IPCN candidate who has completed three (3) years of experience got promoted or laterally transferred to another department of the hospital or healthcare facility, will he/ she be eligible to join:

Answer is: Yes, he/ she will still be eligible as long as he/ she meets the following conditions:

- 1. That he/ she must have completed three (3) years of continuous IPCN experience in the hospital or healthcare facility.
- 2. His/ Her third year of being IPCN must have ended not earlier than December of 2023, prior to being promoted or laterally transferred to another department.
- 3. Transfer due to demotion will invalidate eligibility.

Hand Washing Tiktok Video Challenge 2025 :

WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO JOIN

- 1. There are two categories for this Challenge: Health Facility and Individual
- 2. The PHA Handwashing TikTok Video Challenge is open to all licensed health facilities with functional Infection Control Committees and have at least sent an entry for the PHA Infection Control Awards in the past 10 years. For the individual category, all individuals at least 18 years old can join this TikTok Video Challenge.
- a. For the Health Facilities, up to two entries can be submitted
- b. For the Individuals, only one entry can be submitted.
- c. Officials/Employees of PHA, are not eligible to join this competition in the individual category. A disclosure is required for the Health Facility Category in case they are affiliates to any competing entity.

CONTEST MECHANICS

REGISTRATION & SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

- 1. Registration and TikTok entry submission period is from 8 AM to 5 PM of August 22,2025 until 5pm, September 25, 2025 , via google drive
- 2. There will be no deadline extension unless announced otherwise..
- 3. To register, the competitors must do the following:
 - a. Register online
 - b. Accomplish and submit the online registration form.
- 4. To submit their entries, participants must follow this process:
 - a. Competitors must choose the category of their TikTok entry/entries – Health Facility or Individual.
 - b. This year’s IPC Theme is “Empowering Hospitals To Protecting Communities through IPC Best Practices”
 - c. All entries shall use the tune TikTok “GOLDEN” to showcase how hand washing was promoted in 2024.
 - d. Individual competitors should have their official TikTok accounts and their entries set to public until the end of this challenge. Such accounts are submitted thru the online registration form.
 - e. Competitors from Health Facilities shall send their entries thru their authorized representative who has an official TikTok account and their entries should also set to public until the end of these challenge.
 - f. Every competitor must upload their entry/entries in their TikTok accounts, specify their social media handle(s) and submit the link(s) to their entry/entries.
 - g. For entries with duplicates, the most recently submitted will be considered for this challenge.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1. The Judges’ decision is final. There will be no appeals entertained. PHA also receives the right to disqualify any entries.
- 2. There will be public online voting as part of the Judging criteria.
- 3. Details of weblne voting will be announced separately.
- 4. PHA will not reimburse any expenses borne by participating competitors who shall be solely responsible for their logistic arrangements as well.
- 5. All competitors and the winners shall agree to the PHA’s use of photograph/s, name, other personal information, submitted TikTok video and audio material/s within the current calendar year and in the succeeding two (2) years.
- 6. The use of that information in all forms of media and communication related to PHA Hand washing TikTok Video Challenge shall be without any compensation, consideration or notification. This shall completely remove from PHA, its employees, representatives, and organizers, from any claims or liability resulting from such use. PHA shall own the copyright as prescribed.
- 7. For individual competitors, they and their parents or guardians waive any and all moral rights relating to same.
- 8. The PHA Hand washing TikTok Video Challenge does not impose any obligation on PHA or any other individual/entities, company, or organization to post or repost and broadcast or rebroadcast entries submitted by contestants nor will it imposes any liability on PHA or any other individual company or must showcase the achievements in IPC of the hospital or healthcare facility with the IPCN candidate and ICC chair at the helm. *(Font: Arial, Font Size:10, Single 1.0 paragraph spacing, Narrow margin)*
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9. It is possible that the judges, corporate sponsors, parents/guardians and competitors may know each other outside of this competition, the PHA asks that no contact or communication intended to influence, or that would tend to influence, a judge’s decision about the contestant’s entry shall occur between them.

CHALLENGE PROPER

1. The running time for the PHA Hand washing TikTok Video Challenge should be a minimum of Thirty (30) seconds and maximum of One hundred fifty (150) seconds only including visual and audio effects.
2. The production should always follow currently practiced minimum health protocols. Non-compliance may lead to disqualification.
3. The quality of both audio and video should be seamless, clear, and with visual impact. Otherwise, these entries may be disqualified.
4. Entries will also be disqualified when profanities or vulgarity, content not safe for work potentially harmful actions/activities, and violence are seen in the video even if warnings are provided.

JUDGING & SELECTION PROCESS

1. Judging process will be completed in the most practical way so that timely decisions are available according to the prescribed period.
2. The criteria for judging will include: Originality, Relevance, Creativity and Entertainment Value.

GRAND WINNERS

1. Three (3) Grand winners (Champion and 2 Runners-up) will be announced for Health Facility Category There will be no separate Category for Public or Private Health Facility.
2. Three (3) Grand winner will be announced for the Individual Category.
3. The Grand Winners for the Health Facility Category will be announced during the PHA Annual Conference Awarding Ceremony while the Grand Winners for the Individual Category will be notified earlier so that they will be able to receive their Prizes also during the Awarding Ceremony on November 20,2025.

TIKTOK Challenge People’s Choice Award

Entries_ will be judged by the highest number of likes or heart emojis at the end of the posting will be declared as the winner. The videos will be uploaded publicly starting September 27 until October 18 , 2025 from 8 AM to 5 PM. There will be no extensions. NO REGISTRATION, NO ENTRY.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SENT VIA EMAIL on GOOGLE DRIVE ON OR BEFORE
OCTOBER 7
TO PHILIPPINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AT 14 KAMIAS ROAD, BGY WEST KAMIAS, QUEZON
CITY, MM**

