



Infection Prevention and Control: Our Commitment, Your Well Being

## HOSPITAL BEST PRACTICES IN INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (HBPIPC) AWARDS YEAR 13

*"Digitally Safe, Ecologically Sound: Strengthening Trust Through Next-Gen IPC"*

### MECHANICS: IPC INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AWARD

#### General Eligibility

- Hospitals must be active members in good standing of the Philippine Hospital Association (PHA) as of 2026.
- Each participating hospital must have a functioning Infection Control Committee (ICC) established for at least one year.

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#### AWARD OVERVIEW

The **IPC Innovation and Digital Transformation Award** is a new special category introduced this year to recognize hospitals that have developed, adopted, or scaled **innovative solutions and digital technologies** to strengthen Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) systems, improve compliance, enhance surveillance, reduce healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), and advance patient and healthcare worker safety.

This award highlights how technology and creative approaches have transformed IPC practices, making them more efficient, data-driven, accessible, and sustainable — aligned with national health standards and universal health coverage goals.

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#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Open to all hospitals meeting the following criteria:

1. **Membership:** Must be an active member of the Philippine Hospital Association (PHA) in good standing.
2. **Scope:** Open to **all hospital levels** (Primary/Level 1, Secondary/Level 2, Tertiary/Level 3, Specialized, Government, and Private hospitals).
3. **Implementation Period:** The IPC initiative, innovation, or digital solution must have **been designed, implemented, or significantly enhanced between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025.**
4. **Operational Status:** The hospital must be fully operational and compliant with DOH licensing and accreditation requirements during the covered period.

5. **Integrity:** No major adverse findings, sanctions, or penalties related to IPC failures, patient safety incidents, or regulatory non-compliance issued by DOH, PhilHealth, or other government agencies during 2024–2025.
6. **Sustainability:** The initiative must be **active, functional, and sustained** at the time of submission — not a one-time activity or discontinued project.

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## PERIOD COVERED

All entries must feature activities, systems, or innovations implemented, tested, and operational within:

**January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025**

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## GROUPING BY HOSPITAL CLASSIFICATION

To ensure fair and relevant evaluation, entries are grouped by hospital classification:

1. **Level 1 / Primary Hospitals** (Public & Private)
2. **Level 2 / Secondary Hospitals** (Public & Private)
3. **Level 3 / Tertiary / Specialized / Teaching Hospitals** (Public & Private)

*Each hospital may submit **only one entry** for this award category.*

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## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES & REQUIREMENTS

### What to Submit

All entries must be submitted in **PDF format** (maximum 15 pages, A4 size, font size 11) and must include the following sections:

1. Project Narrative (Core Document)

Include the following details clearly and concisely:

- **Project Title:** Clear, descriptive name of the initiative/innovation
- **Background & Problem Statement:** Describe the specific IPC challenge, gap, or need addressed (e.g. poor compliance, delayed surveillance, manual processes, limited monitoring)
- **Objectives:** Specific goals targeted by the solution
- **Innovation / Digital Technology Used:**
  - Specify the technology, tool, system, or innovative approach (e.g. AI surveillance, mobile apps, IoT sensors, digital dashboards, automated reporting, tele-IPC, gamified training, QR code monitoring, etc.)
  - State if it was developed in-house, adapted, or adopted from existing tools
- **Implementation Process:** Step-by-step description of how it was designed, rolled out, and integrated into daily hospital operations

- **Results & Outcomes:** Quantitative (data, statistics, reduction rates, compliance scores) and qualitative evidence of impact
- **Sustainability:** How the system/innovation is maintained, funded, and continued long-term
- **Replicability:** Potential to be adapted or scaled to other hospitals

2. Supporting Documents (Optional but Highly Encouraged)

- Photos, screenshots, or short video clip (max 3 minutes, MP4 format) demonstrating the system in use
- Relevant reports, graphs, or data showing improvement over time
- Testimonials or feedback from staff/patients

**How to Submit**

1. Compile all documents into one folder, named as:  
[Category]\_[Hospital Name]\_[Project Title ]
2. Upload in the Google Drive provided in your notification email.
- 3. Deadline of Submission: September 03, 2026**
4. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

**JUDGING CRITERIA (Total: 100 Points)**

Entries will be evaluated based on the following weighted criteria, with clear focus on how innovation and digital solutions improved IPC performance:

Table

Criterion	Weight	Description / Key Points to Evaluate
<b>1. Innovation &amp; Originality</b>	<b>25%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniqueness and creativity of the solution</li> <li>• Addresses a real, specific IPC problem</li> <li>• Adaptation or improvement of existing practices/technologies</li> <li>• Not a standard or routine practice required by regulation</li> <li>• Effective use of digital tools, data systems, or technology (software, hardware, automation, connectivity)</li> </ul>
<b>2. Digital Integration &amp; Technology Utilization</b>	<b>25%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User-friendliness and accessibility for staff</li> <li>• Integration with existing hospital systems / IPC programs</li> <li>• Use of data for decision-making, monitoring, and action</li> <li>• Clear evidence of positive results from <b>2024–2025 implementation</b></li> </ul>
<b>3. Impact &amp; Measurable Outcomes</b>	<b>30%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measurable improvements: reduction in HAIs, improved compliance (hand hygiene, PPE, disinfection), faster outbreak response, better documentation/reporting               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive effect on safety of patients, healthcare workers, and visitors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Criterion	Weight	Description / Key Points to Evaluate
4. Sustainability & Scalability	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System is active, maintained, and embedded in regular operations</li> <li>• Clear plan for continued use, funding, and updates</li> <li>• Can be replicated or scaled to other departments, facilities, or provinces</li> </ul>
5. Documentation & Presentation	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear, complete, and organized submission</li> <li>• Data and evidence are accurate, verifiable, and well-presented</li> </ul>

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### JUDGING PROCESS

1. **Screening:** PHA Secretariat will verify eligibility and completeness of all entries.
2. **Evaluation:** A panel of independent judges composed of experts in IPC, digital health, hospital administration, and patient safety will review and score all qualified entries based on the criteria above.
3. **Final Selection:** The highest-scoring entry per level will be declared the Winner
4. Judges' decisions are final and unappealable.

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### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Winner:** Plaque of Excellence + Opportunity to present the best practice during the HBPIPC Awards Y13 on Wednesday, November 25 at The Manila Hotel.

Winning practices will be compiled and shared as part of PHA's Best Practices Repository to serve as a reference for hospitals nationwide.

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### IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

1. All submitted information and materials must be factual, accurate, and owned or authorized by the submitting hospital.
2. PHA reserves the right to use, reproduce, or publish entries (with proper acknowledgment) for knowledge sharing and advocacy purposes.
3. Submission of entry signifies acceptance of all mechanics and conditions.