

A year for
CBIC
growth



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2020 IS A YEAR for visionaries, and CBIC is no exception! As we welcome in a new decade, I would first like to thank Past President Roy Boukidjian and the CBIC Board of Directors for their 20/20 vision in developing and launching two new pathways.



As I reflect back on 2019, I want to highlight the incredible progress made by the CBIC Board of Directors and CBIC staff in moving forward our collective vision for recertification by Infection Prevention Units (IPUs) and the Associate—Infection Prevention and Control (a-IPC) entry-level examination. Both initiatives required strategic planning and focus to enable their respective successful launches in 2020.

New opportunities in 2020

January marked the debut of the recertification by IPUs interactive platform. As a reminder to all readers, this method of recertification is available to recertifying candidates as an alternate method to recertification by examination. Candidates who recertify this way must demonstrate proficiency and expertise in infection prevention and control (IPC) by continuing competency achieved through continuing education. Activities to demonstrate proficiency may include, but are not limited to, IPC-related academic education, research, publications, presentations, and more.

The interactive online platform enables those recertifying to upload a professional portfolio. It will be immediately available to those recertifying in 2020, making them the first to use the new system and the new method.

The a-IPC examination will see its first cohort of test takers in the spring of 2020, marking the beginning of a new and exciting pathway for those interested in learning more about IPC or pursuing an IPC career. Both events reflect the future of CBIC.

Looking forward

In 2020, CBIC is looking forward to building on the momentum we gained in 2019 and continuing to challenge the status quo while supporting the CIC® as the only examination for IPC professionals accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

I can say personally that I look forward to strengthening current partnerships and making new ones. Let's see what unfolds in 2020—stay tuned!

With appreciation,

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