

What's in store for CBIC in 2020



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Dear Colleagues,

It has been a transformative year for the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC).

In 2019, we announced two new pathways—the CIC® recertification alternate pathway and an entry-level pathway—and approved a study to help us better understand the correlation between the CIC® credential and patient indicators (e.g., healthcare-associated infection outcome data). With these new initiatives and others to look forward to, 2020 promises to be an exciting new chapter for CBIC.

I am pleased to announce that our timeline for launching both pathways in early 2020 is on target, and that the aforementioned study will be conducted by Johns Hopkins University over the course of 2019 and into 2020.

On behalf of the entire CBIC Board of Directors, I want to thank each and every one of you for your encouragement and support throughout CBIC’s growth process. We have been working hard to ensure that CBIC continues to be future-oriented and meets the demands of the profession, all with the support of CBIC’s partner organizations, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC).

I would also like to take a moment to discuss what’s in store for the 2020 CBIC Board of Directors. With the 2019–2022 Strategic Plan and the future of these new initiatives in mind, we can look forward to the leadership of our incoming 2020 CBIC president, Linda Goss.

I want to thank Joann Andrews, CBIC Board member and past president, as well as Vincent Hsu, CBIC Board member, as they will be rotating off the Board of Directors in 2020. They have been instrumental throughout the years in supporting CBIC’s mission and vision. I am honored to have served with such fine individuals and will continue to cherish the relationship we’ve built.

Thank you as well to the entire CBIC Board of Directors and all infection prevention and control professionals for supporting my tenure as CBIC president. Taking on this role has been a complete honor and pleasure.

As a reminder to those CICs whose certification expires at the end of 2019, you have until 11:59 p.m. Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on December 31, 2019, to complete your internet-based recertification examination. Best of luck to all of you!

I would like to conclude by sharing a quote by James Allen, which I hope will inspire all of you as you move through your careers: “Think strongly, attempt fearlessly, and accomplish masterfully.”

Thank you!

Cheers,

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