

Testimonials

Asra Salim, CIC

Being board Certified in Infection Control means that I have that gold standard that I have the background on what I do for my job and, I don't want to say the expert, but I've been evaluated on what I do and it's not just something that I'm telling you to do, I have the resources, the best practices in place, and the training to do my job. I think a lot of people, myself included, were really worried sitting for the test, studying for it, and kind of freaking out about it and put it off, but I think you have to just trust that you know what you're doing. This is what you do in your job, that's what I realized when I started studying, that I do these things every day and I shouldn't second guess myself. And when you're studying, the things that you're not really comfortable with or if you get that question wrong, go back to the APIC book, search online, go on the CDC website, find resources and kind of understand the process behind it and it's good for you for the test, but also for your job, because now you learned something else.

Kristin Mattick, BSRN, CIC

Definitely get certified. I think that it's well worth it and it's a credit to our profession. Just read the book, do the tests and ask questions to your infectious disease doctor, to your leaders or whoever can help you out with places that you're stuck. I definitely got the CIC book and read all of the chapters, did all of the tests, spoke to people who were more expert than I was on certain matters, especially on the leadership questions and I didn't find it to be a problem at all.

Sharon Hemsley, MSN, RN, CIC

For me, it gives me that credibility when I'm talking to physicians and hospital leadership that I do know what I'm talking about and I can tell them that I'm one of a small group that's rapidly growing across the nation, that is focused on improving health care.

Harold Boyer, RN, BSN, CIC

I most recently had been the solo Director Infection Prevention and Control at a 330 bed community hospital, specializing in CV surgery, Ortho surgery and the other usual specialties. The medical specialties were also well represented. The heart surgeons had a great need for help with their Infection Prevention practices. I was also appointed the organization's Safety Manager by our COO. Both positions were staffed with myself and a very excellent Administrative Assistant. This all required a tremendous amount of dedication and just down to earth work. Infection Prevention is my secondary passion as my very understanding wife and daughters are my primary passion. 12 hour days, 7 days a week were just routine. I worked with all of the surgeons, physicians, staff and every dept. to successfully reduce all categories of infection. All JC surveys outstanding. Many staff would tell me about their patients and what they all were all doing to prevent infection and injury. They were just as proud and pleased as anyone could be. I have been an RN BSN since 1976 having been in the US Navy as a Hospital Corpsman serving as a front line USMC Navy Medical Corpsman in Vietnam 1967/1968. I am also a very proud CIC since 11/12/1994. APIC and CBIC have been my greatest resource with timely guidance, education, support and networking. Thank you so very much for all you do.

