



## Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Section



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### Hello Infection Prevention Partners!

We are thrilled to introduce our range of services designed to strengthen and support infection prevention and control (IPC) programs in healthcare facilities across Kansas. Our team is committed to helping you build safer environments for patients, residents, and healthcare personnel.

#### Free ICAR Evaluations

As part of our mission, we are pleased to offer free, on-site Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) evaluations. Developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ICAR tools assess your facility's IPC programs and help guide quality improvement efforts. These tools are applicable to various inpatient and outpatient healthcare settings and are accessible online at the CDC's HAI website.

Our team of subject matter experts will guide your staff through this process during a collaborative, round-table discussion with key facility personnel. Together, we'll identify opportunities and priorities for adopting gold-standard policies and practices to reduce infection risks. Post-assessment, we can continue to support your facility in addressing identified gaps, ensuring sustainable improvements.

#### SureWash Lending Program

We are also excited to announce our **SureWash lending program**, offering your facility access to innovative hand hygiene training technology! SureWash systems combine interactive education and competency testing to empower your team with best practices for hand hygiene, a critical component of IPC. Contact us for details on how to bring this engaging tool to your team for free.

#### Infection Preventionist (IP) Mentorship

Our **IP Mentorship Program** is tailored to provide ongoing guidance and support for IPs and IPC teams. Whether you're new to IPC or looking to enhance your strategies, our mentors offer personalized assistance to help you navigate challenges, implement effective protocols, and achieve your IPC goals.

#### IPC Education Opportunities

Join us for an upcoming webinar on Infection Control Risk Assessments. You can find more details and registration information here: [Infection Control Risk Assessments: Where to begin?](#)

Calling all frontline Infection Preventionists and partners! You're invited to participate in our monthly Open Office Hours call – a dedicated space for education, important updates, and peer networking. **Register here:** [Infection Prevention Open Office Hours](#).

**Save the date for the 2025 Infection Prevention Conference!**

**Thursday March 13 and Friday, March 14**

**Location:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport, 2098 Airport Road, Wichita, KS

**Registration Fee & Site:** \$150 per attendee, <https://registration.kha-net.org/>

The full conference brochure will be available in January 2025.

**Reserve Your Spot for 2025!**

We encourage you to **reach out soon to reserve your spot in 2025** for any of our free services. Scheduling ICAR evaluations and other support services is based on availability. Please note that our team is also involved in outbreak responses or other urgent matters, which may require rescheduling of non-emergency visits.

To learn more about any of our services or to schedule a consultation, contact us at [kdhe.HAIAR@ks.gov](mailto:kdhe.HAIAR@ks.gov) or complete this simple survey <https://forms.gle/J72DAMgTZtPAbaN77>. Together, we can build safer healthcare environments through effective IPC.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in IPC. We look forward to partnering with you!

Sincerely,



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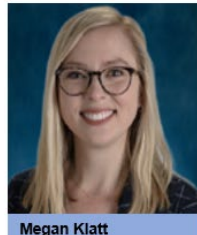
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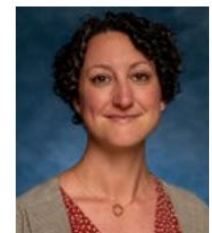
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