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The first 50 years

The Certification Board of Infection Control (CBIC®) congratulates APIC on its 50th anniversary. Reading APIC's history and the dedication and vision of these early trailblazers is an inspiration for us all. The early APIC leaders identified the importance to have all infection preventionists (IPs) demonstrate a common body of knowledge and skills considered to be essential to their practice, and to this end APIC created the APIC Certification Association and its first board committee. Forty years ago (1982), our name officially changed to the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC).

CBIC celebrates the many milestones that have been reached over the years, but this is not the end of the journey! We continue to strive for professional recognition with certification and promote this globally and in different sectors.

IPs in long-term care homes play a crucial role in keeping vulnerable communities safe. Now, for the first time, individuals with responsibility for infection prevention and control (IPC) programs in long-term care settings can obtain certification that is more tailored to their role and will signify their commitment to providing safe care. Our goal in developing the new certification is to ensure that IPs working in this sector can demonstrate that they are well-equipped to build strong IPC programs to protect residents and staff.

CBIC will begin accepting applications for the new certification in July 2022 with an initial testing period opening in September 2022. For more information visit the CBIC website at <https://www.cbic.org/>.

We hope that you will have an opportunity to attend the June 2022 APIC education conference in Indianapolis and we hope you stop by the CBIC booth. Learn more about our different types of certification and your options for recertification. Tell us about the milestones you have achieved over the past year and how CBIC and certification can be part of your journey.

About CBIC

The Certification Board of Infection Control & Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC) is a voluntary, autonomous, multidisciplinary board that provides direction for and administers the certification process for professionals in infection control and applied epidemiology. CBIC is independent and separate from any other infection control-related organization or association, but does collaborate with three partner organizations (APIC, IPAC Canada, and IFIC) to help promote the importance of being certified in infection prevention and control (CIC).

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