

# Empowering Rural Communities

## Infection Control Assessments for Rural Health Clinics



Nebraska ICAP (Infection Control Assessment and Promotion Program), offers free services designed to ensure the safety and well-being of patients and staff in a variety of healthcare settings including rural health clinics.

### What we do:

Infection control practices in healthcare facilities are standard for the most part, but some change and evolve. The goal of our team is to work with healthcare facilities to create the safest healthcare environment possible by identifying gaps and implementing best practices to help prevent the spread of infection and ensure you are set up for success to handle both the daily and unforeseen infection control challenges that may arise.

### Nebraska ICAP can provide the following infection control assessment services:

#### Environmental and Facility Assessment

We will evaluate the physical environment of the clinic, including ventilation systems, sanitation practices, and the workflow of patient care areas, all tailored to the unique challenges of rural health clinics.

#### Review Patient Care Practices

Ensure proper implementation of infection prevention measures during patient care activities, including wound care practices; instrument decontamination and reprocessing; and medication/vaccination storage, preparation, and administration.

#### Antibiotic Stewardship

We will introduce you to our Nebraska Antimicrobial Stewardship Assessment and Promotion Program (ASAP) team who can assist with implementing antibiotic stewardship best practices.

#### Emergency Preparedness

Assess your clinic's readiness to respond to infectious disease emergencies, including outbreak response planning.

#### Evaluate Policies and Procedures

Review your infection control policies and procedures to align with current guidelines and best practices.

#### Identify Staff Training Needs

Identify gaps in staff training, offer educational opportunities, and recommend targeted training and education programs based on identified needs.

### Good to know:

We are not a regulatory agency. Our program is based at Nebraska Medicine and University of Nebraska Medical Center. We are funded by Nebraska DHHS through a CDC grant to offer expert guidance to Nebraska healthcare facilities during the assessment and provide ongoing support.



Let's work together to create a healthy and safe environment for everyone.

Contact us to schedule your assessment!  
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