Message from APIC

APIC’s Strategic Partner Program: Elevating the profession and working toward a shared vision

The equilateral triangle formed by practice, industry, and academia as they work together and in coordination to advance infection prevention and control (Fig 1) acts as a guiding post for the APIC. The Strategic Partner Program, the APIC’s platform for engagement with industry as a whole at the leadership and strategic level, demonstrates that collaboration among health care professionals and practitioners, industry, academia, and the APIC positively impacts all stakeholders.

Health care companies that constitute the Strategic Partners Program go beyond standard sponsorships in their commitment to help the APIC succeed in its mission and a shared vision of health care without infection. In addition, these companies also partner with the APIC on specific goals of providing educational and other resources to the infection preventionists (IPs) to better equip them in enhancing patient care and safety. These resources are entirely developed by the APIC without company participation in the content.

The Strategic Partner Program’s architectural framework of shared values and vision encourages thought leadership dialogue between the APIC and industry and among strategic partners. The program gives strategic partners the chance to demonstrate the value that industry generates for both infection prevention and public health in general.

Therefore, through the Strategic Partner Program, the APIC is able to increase its capacity for improvement and innovation. The programs and resources resulting from such collaboration and made possible by support from the strategic partners are guided by the APIC’s strategic goals: patient safety, implementation science, IP competencies and certification, advocacy, and data standardization. Moreover, these programs and resources also help to elevate the profession, grow the field, and create professional development opportunities for IPs. These programs are perhaps the best testament to the strength and credibility of the APIC’s Strategic Partner Program.

NEW PROJECTS

EPI Analytics Virtual Learning Lab (2014): helps novice IPs build competency in the use and application of a variety of types of data.
Strategic partner: Covidien.
Published articles on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Surgical Site Infection Guidelines (2014-2015): educate IPs on the new methodology implemented and changes to surgical site infection recommended guidelines.
Strategic partner: Ethicon.

ONGOING PROJECTS

APIC Implementation Guides: provide practical, evidence-based strategies for surveillance and elimination of infection.
Recent strategic partners: 3M, BD, Clorox, Covidien, Ethicon, GOJO, PDI, Roche.
Heroes in Infection Prevention Award: recognizes IPs who have developed and applied innovative infection prevention projects.
Strategic partner: BD.
Heroes Implementation Research Scholars: supports innovative research projects to implement successful interventions across the infection prevention community.
Strategic partner: BD.
APIC ANYWHERE: online education resource platform: brings relevant infection prevention education to the IP’s computer.
Strategic partners: Ecolab, 3M, BD, Ethicon.

PAST PROJECTS

Strategic partner: PDI.
Building Bridges Initiatives: promote collaboration between IPs and other health care professionals.

- Project 1: “Zero CLABSIs” (2010-2011).
  Association partners: Association for Vascular Access and the Infusion Nurses Society.
  Strategic partner: Clorox Healthcare.
  Association partner: Association for the Healthcare Environment.
  Strategic partner: Roche.
  Association partner: American Society for Microbiology.