The NIPF is a national forum for any infection preventionist (IP) or infection prevention champions in long-term care (LTC) to share lessons learned and resources and get answers to questions.

This national forum will also provide a mechanism to rapidly disseminate federal updates and resources about infections in LTC as they become available from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), or Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OHSA). The American Health Care Association (AHCA) partnered with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) with funding from CDC Project First Line to set up the NIPF, which is open to all LTC professionals focusing on infection prevention regardless of their membership in AHCA or APIC.

The goal of NIPF is to foster collaboration and sharing of experiences between IPs in LTC. In addition, APIC and CDC subject matter experts will be available to address questions the group are unable to answer. There are designated threads for Hot Topics, Ask the CDC Expert, and test your clinical skills using Clinical Based Scenarios. The NIPF uses the “Connect Communities” platform to organize email discussions by threads and allows for sharing and posting of resources and tools in an organized library and ability to look up other IPs participating in the forum. You can receive email updates for threads in real-time or daily summaries.

**How to Get Started**

To enroll in this national forum, all you need is an email address and password.

Instructions for enrolling are available [here](#).

**Guidelines**

Discussions are not moderated therefore we ask that users follow posting rules and etiquette linked [here](#).

If you have questions, please contact [LTC-NIPFhelp@ahca.org](mailto:LTC-NIPFhelp@ahca.org).