

INFECTION CONTROL ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE PROGRAM (ICAR)

ICAR uses a consultative and collaborative approach to assess the strength of infection prevention in healthcare, so that Public Health can create tools to improve existing capacity.

Public Health + Healthcare = ICAR

Clark County Public Health and the Washington State Department of Health are partnering on an exciting new initiative aimed at assessing infection prevention in Long-Term Care facilities in Clark County.



Consults for Long-Term Care

Public health experts will meet with interested long-term care facilities and conduct a comprehensive infection prevention assessment using evidence-based tools from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Visits are consultative and provided at no cost. Any long-term care facility in Clark County is invited to participate in this voluntary program.



Going Back to Basics

The long-term care assessment tool will be sent to participating facilities ahead of time. Topics covered during the visit will range from hand hygiene to antimicrobial stewardship. Visits will take approximately 1/2 day and may involve observations of staff performing hand hygiene or isolation



Relationship Building

Public Health will make these visits simple and valuable. Assessing overall infection prevention throughout Clark County will no doubt result in a stronger healthcare system.



For questions and to schedule your ICAR assessment, please contact Dana Nguyen RN, BSN at (360) 524-1167 or dana.nguyen@clark.wa.gov