



### ICAR Key Points

- Non-Regulatory
- No cost
- Provides real time feedback on infection control and prevention practices
- For questions or scheduling contact us:  
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# Healthcare Associated Infection Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) Consultations For Oncology Facilities



## Scheduling

- Choose between an onsite or tele/virtual visit
- Email: [HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov](mailto:HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov)



## Preparing

- Invite leadership to participate
- Bring your questions
- Know your current patient census, staffing, PPE, and vaccine access issues, and other barriers.

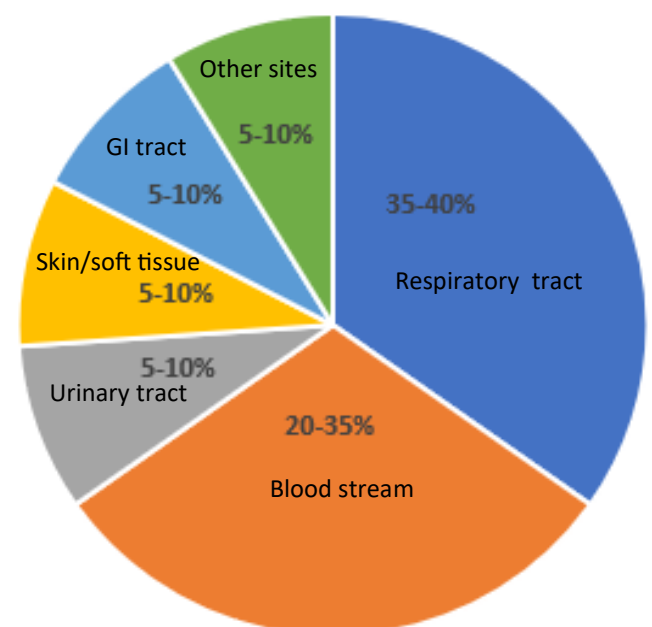


## What You Receive

- A summary report identifying best practices and area of improvements.
- Resources
- Certification of ICAR participation and a window cling.

Oncology patients are especially susceptible to infection. Cultivating a strong infection control and prevention program will significantly decrease the risk of acquiring a healthcare-associated infection among this vulnerable population.

Sites of Infection



# Why participate?

It is important to have a robust infection prevention and control plan in place to protect the immunocompromised patient. For every good plan, a periodic assessment and evaluation on effectiveness is equally important.

The DOH Infection Prevention team will provide you with a fresh perspective on your infection prevention and control plan. They will provide you with the most current guidelines and share tips and tricks they have learned by visiting other facilities that may improve your plan.

In the Fall of 2020, the mortality rate for patients with cancer who were hospitalized for COVID-19, were significantly higher than the general population. With a strong program, there is a very good chance your oncology patient will avoid a catastrophic outcome.

# Planning your ICAR

### Visit types:

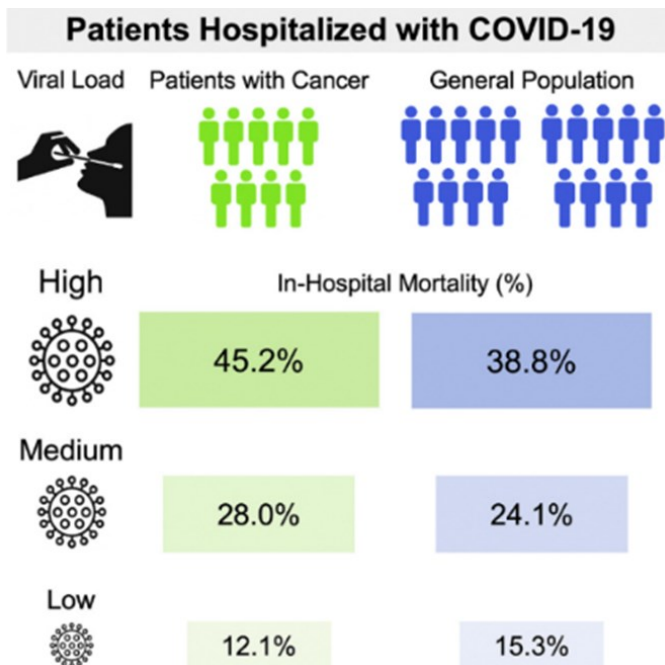
- Onsite: The DOH Infection Preventionist (IP) will spend up to two hours with you at your facility.
- Tele/virtual: 100% remote consultation on Microsoft Teams. The visit may be shorter as the IP will not tour your facility.

### Attendees:

- The facility's IP and/or their Director of Nursing
- Optional:
  - Executive leadership and/or the EVS/Housekeeping Director
  - Your local health jurisdiction

Optional attendees may be helpful in providing insight on issues others may not be privy to, give background information that may be important to a process, or give on the spot authorization for a change.

Contact us today to get on the schedule for an ICAR by emailing: **HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov**



CDC Library: COVID-19 Science Update: 10/09/2020

# After the ICAR

- Expect an ICAR Consultation Summary Report within a week, outlining your best practices and areas for improvement.
- Certificate of ICAR participation.
- A window cling for your entrance to show patients and their loved ones your facility is striving to provide the best infection prevention practices at your organization.

We look forward to working with you!

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