

Psychological safety and infection prevention practices: results from a national survey.

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This cross-sectional study reports the results of an [ongoing national survey](#) of infection preventionists to assess hospital infection control program characteristics and organizational practices to prevent common [healthcare-associated infections](#). One-third of responding hospitals reported characteristics of organizational [safety culture](#) (e.g. employee perceptions of feeling safe to speak up, ask for help, or provide feedback), which was associated with increased odds of using some recommended practices for preventing catheter-associated urinary tract infections and ventilator-associated pneumonia.