

## Infection Control Advocate & Resident Education (ICARE): Advocacy



## **Quality Care Steps**

Step 1: Education What is quality care? Step 2: Engagement What steps are take for quality care? Step 3:
Empowerment
What actions can
we take to improve
quality care?

ICARE is designed to progress participants through three quality care steps:

In **Step 1**, the focus is to **educate** participants regarding what defines and comprises infection prevention quality care.

In **Step 2**, participants become **engaged** by interacting directly with nursing home leadership and staff on infection prevention-related quality measures.

In **Step 3**, participants become **empowered** to take an active role in improving quality care through quality initiatives.

ICARE is composed of seven short, stand-alone lessons that cover major topics related to infection prevention and control (see below). In addition to the lessons, there is "Discussion & Advocacy" content designed to be facilitated by the nursing home ombudsman with the purpose of guiding participants through the three quality steps of setting small and realistic goals towards active, infection prevention-based quality care improvement.

## **ICARE Infection Prevention & Control Lesson Titles**

"Common Infections in Nursing Homes"
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"Preventing Infections in Nursing Homes"
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"Safeguarding the Nursing Home Environment"
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"Hand Hygiene Heroes"
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"Gowns, Gloves, & Goggles"
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"Less Antibiotics, More Vaccines"
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"Nursing Home Response: Outbreaks & Other Emergencies"

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