

APIC Vision 2012: The Strategic Plan (proposed)

APIC's Preferred Future Intro:

APIC Vision 2012 is a product of the APIC Futures Summit, held in Nov. 2004 and numerous conversations with APIC leaders, members, healthcare experts, industry representatives, and strategic partners.

Summit – brought together over 50 experts from across the continuum of healthcare to explore alternative futures for the practice, profession and Association. The Summit served as a catalyst for the development of a preferred future and strategic thinking process.

Preferred Future: By, 2012, APIC will be recognized as the leader in infection prevention & control by practitioners, policy makers, healthcare executives & consumers.

GOAL #1: Setting the Standard

APIC will ensure that appropriate standards are set by which infection prevention and control programs are evaluated by regulatory agencies, healthcare executives, payers & others.

Objectives:

- **Formulate the professional practice standards**
- **Influence development of key standards & regulations that impact practice.**
- **Define & promote ideal infection prevention program of the future.**
- **Create mechanism for development of national standard for public reporting.**

GOAL #2: A Separate & Distinct Profession

Infection prevention & control will be recognized as a separate & distinct profession, whose members are positioned for leadership roles in healthcare.

Objectives:

- **Identify competencies of the infection prevention professional of 2012.**
- **Define what differentiates profession from other healthcare roles.**
- **Develop APIC members for executive roles in healthcare organizations.**
- **Recruit a new generation of infection prevention & control professionals.**
- **Emphasize prevention & promote zero tolerance for HAIs, adverse events.**
- **States & accreditation agencies to require specialized training & certification.**
- **Develop new services to elevate visibility and value.**

GOAL #3: A Catalyst for Leading Edge Research.

APIC will serve as a catalyst for leading edge research for the prevention of infection and associated adverse outcomes.

Objectives:

- **APIC research frequently cited in key journals.**
- **Research program awards \$100K in grants annually.**
- **Explore APIC consulting enterprise to advance research and technology for prevention.**
- **Education on interpretation & use of research for ICPs.**
- **Prepare ICPs to lead & participate in research.**

GOAL #4: Leadership Role in Emergency Preparedness.

APIC will play a leadership role in emergency preparedness related to infection prevention & control, including emerging & reemerging diseases, bioterrorism, natural disasters & other issues.

Objectives:

- **Define indicators of hospital preparedness, obtain baseline data.**
- **Convene thought leaders summit on preparedness.**
- **Identify partnerships & dependencies for rapid response, address gaps.**
- **Strengthen partnership between public health & infection prevention.**

Summary of presentation by Kathy Warye, APIC Executive Director, on the APIC Vision (not finalized). Presented at the National APIC Conference in Baltimore.