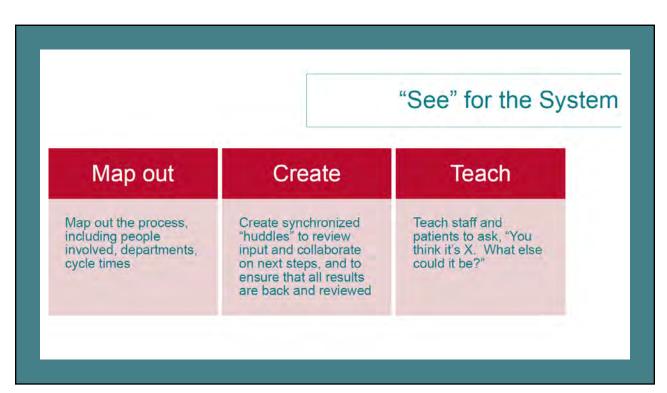


The pandemic and preventing COVID introduction and transmission is a daily challenge for all facilities. Always remember:

- THE BASICS! Ensuring basic infection prevention practices are in place to prevent bacterial and viral infections.
- TO BE SAFE! Maintaining a safe work environment, for the protection of all.
- WHEN WE KNOW BETTER, WE DO BETTER! Quality assurance and performance improvement is always ongoing!





What are Rounds?

- · Walking rounds are "seeing" the direct experiences of:
 - Patients: Going to the bedside, including the resident's bathroom, with a structured focus, and assessing the resident, and their environment for potential improvement opportunities to prevent harm and foster healing.
 - Staff: Going to the staff environment (bedside, work areas, rest areas)...are they effective, efficient, and joyful?
 - · Visitors: Does the environment allow for safe connections?

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Walking Rounds; Tools and Checklists



	Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Long-term Care Facilities
long-term	is intended to assist in the assessment of infection control programs and practices in nursing homes and othe care facilities. If feasible, direct observations of infection control practices are encouraged. To facilitate the nt, health departments are encouraged to share this tool with facilities in advance of their visit.
Overview	
Section 1	: Facility Demographics
Section 2	: Infection Control Program and Infrastructure
Section 3	: Direct Observation of Facility Practices (optional)
Section 4	: Infection Control Guidelines and Other Resources
Infection	Control Domains for Gap Assessment
I.	Infection Control Program and Infrastructure
н.	Healthcare Personnel and Resident Safety
III.	Surveillance and Disease Reporting
IV.	Hand Hygiene
V.	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
VI.	Respiratory/ Cough Etiquette
VII.	Antibiotic Stewardship
VIII.	Injection safety and Point of Care Testing
IX.	Environmental Cleaning

https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/icar/itcf.pdf. Accessed October 20, 2020.

Communicating Findings

- In a timely manner, share findings with your leadership team.
- Pictures, taken per facility policy, may be helpful.
- Discuss also at Resident Safety, QAPI, and other applicable committees

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