

# Donna Nucci RN MS CIC

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## Experience Infection Preventionist & Consulting Professional

Highly accomplished Infection Preventionist with over 30 years of healthcare experience in acute care hospitals. Nationally recognized for award winning patient safety and quality improvement impacting patient outcomes and organizational HAC scores for HAI reduction. A collaborative visionary leader committed to improved quality of care, patient safety, and the patient experience. Offering invaluable perspectives, cohesion, vision, and an ongoing sense of partnership, Donna is a change-agent not only within her own consulting services, but across the greater community in which she creates an opportunity for measurable impact.

### Associations and Board Contributions

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**Licensed in the State of Connecticut**, 1988- present

**Certification Infection Control and Epidemiology (CIC)** 2012, Recertification 2017 Infection Prevention

**Consultant to the Connecticut Ambulatory Surgery Center Patient Safety Organization, LLC**, 2014-present

**APIC New England Education**, Chair 2012-2015

**AORN**, Associate Editor 2018-2019

**Speaker:** APIC National 2014, 2016; OR Excellence 2016; Connecticut Patient Safety Organization 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016; Boston Outpatient Surgery Association 2018, 2019, 2020; MA DPH 2020

**Recognition:** 2020 United Hospital Fund Excellence in Health Care Award: Honoring extraordinary personal leadership to improve quality of care, patient safety, and patient experience. Selected for vision and accomplishments changing patient outcomes.

### Professional Experience

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**Manager Infection Prevention** 2018- present  
Yale New Haven Health System – New London, CT

**Infection Preventionist** 2007-present  
Yale New Haven Hospital- New Haven, CT -

**Consultant**, 2010-present  
APIC National, Multiple Hospital Systems

Perform hospital and health system infection prevention program evaluations. Mentor and train onsite infection preventionist using APIC framework. Collaborate with executive leadership to present a regulatory readiness plan. Support and expertise during accreditation survey and response.

**Infection Prevention Consultant & Owner** 2005- present  
Educated Nurses, LLC (CT, NY, MA, ME, SC, WI)

Independent consultant to national healthcare providers, product manufacturers, safety organizations and 40+ free-standing ambulatory surgery/procedure centers. Develops and designs patient safety improvement programs, risk assessments and overall program plans to prepare facilities for licensing and accreditation bodies such as local DPH and other regulatory agencies.

**Registered Nurse -** 1988-2006  
YNHHS, Travel Nurse, Multiple acute care hospitals  
Various positions; ICU, Pediatric Staff Nurse, Labor and Delivery, Travel Nurse, Operating Room

### Health Promotion Company-Manager & Owner

Sea Slim Nutrition – 2014-2019  
Perform duties of business owner, financials, supply chain, human resource management and marketing.

### Education

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**Bachelor of Science Nursing**,

*Salve Regina University*

**Master of Health Care Administration and Management**,

*Salve Regina University*

### Publications

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Decreasing Colon Surgical Site Infections

[https://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553\(20\)30527-7/fulltext](https://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553(20)30527-7/fulltext)

Overcoming Resistance to Infection Prevention Best Practices

<https://aornjournal.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/aorn.12690>

Development of a Standardized Care Review Process Across a Health System

[https://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553\(20\)30407-7/abstract](https://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553(20)30407-7/abstract)

Ambulatory Infection Prevention Risk Assessment: Not All Ambulatory Sites are Created Equal

[https://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553\(14\)00423-4/fulltext](https://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553(14)00423-4/fulltext)

### Posters

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APIC 2012 Infection Prevention ,2020