



Introduction to Surveillance in IPC

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What is Surveillance

Surveillance as the overarching activity of an effective IPC programme . . .

The 4 P rule

1. **P**lan
2. **P**rioritise
3. **P**repare
4. (Be) **P**resent





Definition of surveillance

The regular collection, collation and analysis of information on infection prevention and control practices, events and rates, either continuously or at regular intervals, and the timely dissemination and feedback to the relevant role players

OR

Systematic, active and on-going observation of the occurrence and distribution of disease within a population and of the events that increase or decrease the risk of disease occurrence. If the distribution and association of infections or diseases is known, resources can be targeted and the incidence of infections reduced.