

Candida Auris Prevention Strategies (CAPS)

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General Directorate of Infection Prevention and Control

Overview:

Candida auris prevention strategies (CAPS) is a national project established by the General Directorate of Infection Prevention and Control (GDIPC) in order to take further steps toward preventing and tackling Candida auris. GDIPC believes that the engagement and involvement of the other sectors within Saudi Arabia at this moment are crucial and imperative. In addition, the GDIPC will strive to form a national Candida Auris Network (CAN) to fight as a unified team with well-proven and defined prevention strategies .

CAPS Champion is a new initiative that aims to enhance the CAN teams at different levels and sectors of all healthcare facilities in Saudi Arabia by applying the seven components (7Cs). CAPS champion will work to promote awareness and engagement and ensure the development of teamwork to achieve CAPS goals .

The Objective of CAPS Champion Initiative:

- To encourage healthcare facilities and CAPS participants in ensuring good infection prevention and control (IPC) practices are adopted and maintained well in healthcare facilities .
- To represent region members to raise and solve the concern of CAPS .
- To support the implementation and maintaining CAPS strategies in a region that will reduce the transmission of Candida auris and that will be achieved by using IPC knowledge and communication skills .

Role of Champion :

- To understand and promote CAPS Components (7Cs) to develop awareness and achieve the project goals .
- To work with colleagues to deliver “CAPS” across the region .
- To raise knowledge by sharing experiences through working groups .
- To support colleagues by implementing action plans, training, and activities .
- To ensure delivering the messages through appropriate and effective communication .
- To participate in monitoring for key CAPS indicators .
- To advocate the impact of CAPS and evaluate the process .

Background Experience :

- Leadership skills .
- Excellent communication skills and understanding of CAPS requirements .
- Qualification in infection prevention and control .
- Ability to find solutions and confidence to challenge practices .
- Specialist knowledge within their working environment .
- Willing to participate in/lead training of staff .

General Requirements :

- A willingness to work with colleagues as a part of a multi-disciplinary approach to CAPS i.e. regional coordinator of infection prevention and control, regional coordinator of laboratory, health cluster infection prevention and control coordinator, and healthcare facilities infection prevention and control coordinator .
- Capability to demonstrate passion and commitment to participate in CAPS activities with excellent communication skills .
- Enthusiasm and ability to motivate and inspire others through a positive approach regarding CAN component .
- Attend CAPS conferences/workshops/seminars / regional infection prevention and control meetings .
- Define CAPS policy and procedures are in place in health care facilities, and departments needed to have access to it .
- Develop a positive relationship between partners to achieve CAPS (7Cs)
- Involve in the approved research-based initiative .