

Georgia Project Firstline

Infection control saves lives, and frontline healthcare workers play a critical role. Please encourage all health care workers to complete this <u>Learning Needs Assessment Survey</u>.

Georgia Project Firstline (GPFL) is helping health care workers understand the 'why' behind infection prevention recommendations and best practices. GPFL's mission is to support the advancement of infection prevention and control practices in the health care system.

Meet the Project Firstline Team for Region G

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Congratulations on achieving certification in infection prevention!



Lynda Henderson, RN, CICWellstar MCG Health

"Working as an infection preventionist at Wellstar MCG Health, part of my responsibilities was preparing and presenting Project First Line for potential candidates. This helped me prepare even more for the exam as I was able to teach and giving the rationale behind each question asked and to help other candidates understand the complex questions that are associated with IP. My entire IP team helped me study Project First Line by asking me what specific areas I was struggling with, and they would prepare presentations directed at helping me better understand the material. I did have access to APIC test questions, all APIC textbooks and other CIC online study groups via Project First Line as well as other CIC study groups. All of this, along with the support of my family, helped me pass my exam."

Take advantage of CDC's Project Firstline free resources. Resources are <u>designed to empower</u> <u>health care workers</u> to think critically about infection control. Are you struggling with your CAUTI rates? Learn the <u>Fundamentals of a Successful CAUTI Prevention Program</u>. Connect with

your region's $\underline{\text{Infection}}$ $\underline{\text{Prevention and Control Education Expert}}$ (IPCEE) and learn about other Project Firstline opportunities in Georgia.

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