



Willingness to Serve Form 2018

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Please give a brief introduction of yourself for our chapter members:

Who are you, personally and professionally?

Hello, my name is Shalom Hernandez-Patel. I am the Infection Prevention Manager at the Piedmont Atlanta Hospital campus. I have been working for Piedmont Healthcare for over 5 years and have worked as a Clinical Data Analyst and Infection Preventionist in the department before accepting the leadership position. I am an epidemiologist by background and began my career in Atlanta first as an intern for CDC's TB Outbreak Investigations Team and then as the District Epidemiologist for Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness before joining Piedmont. I would love the opportunity to participate on the APIC Board in 2018 as the treasurer. I know the majority of the members currently on the board and would appreciate the opportunity to serve the chapter with them. Personally, I am still a newlywed as my first year wedding anniversary is at the end of October. My husband and I love to travel, watch college SEC football, and spend time with our family and friends. My hobbies include attending barre and hot yoga classes and relaxing by the pool or on a beach with a good book.

Please describe your current scope of practice: As a Piedmont Healthcare IP Manager I am responsible for day-to-day operations of the Infection Prevention Program. I lead and drive safety and quality performance improvement initiatives to address trends and deficiencies in Infection Prevention as well as promote continuous quality & process improvement in the reduction of infections. I provide guidance to staff and patients related to infection prevention. I assist with special projects including the construction of the Marcus Heart and Vascular Center Tower. I am proficient with Microsoft Office Applications to provide financial reports to the Chapter and assist with budget affairs in the IP department. Some of my strengths include that I am detail oriented, reliable, and a quick learner.

If selected, I agree to honor all responsibilities and attend scheduled meetings of the position that I am seeking. Please indicate your willingness to be considered for the position below by marking your preference:

President Elect

Treasurer

Signature: Shalom Hernandez-Patel

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