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Adriene Thornton has been a registered nurse for 30 years. Her professional career started in her home state of Georgia. She has worked at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota for 23 years, with 16 of those years being as an infection preventionist. In her role she has been instrumental in establishing Children's as an award-winning organization in the field of infection prevention. She has also played a key role in assisting with management of multiple disease outbreaks including measles, Ebola, and H1N1 influenza.

She is currently serving as the Past President of the Minnesota chapter of the Association for Professionals in Infection Prevention and Control (APIC), is a member of the education committee for APIC national, and is a content reviewer for the American Journal of Infection Control. In addition to her local and national professional endeavors, Adriene has also worked with the Children's Heartlink to provide education and guidance on an international level to hospitals in Brazil and India.

Adriene has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Albany State University in Albany, Georgia, a master's degree in organizational management from Concordia University in St. Paul, and her certification in infection prevention and control (CIC).