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The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has had major operational and organizational impacts on healthcare systems globally. Traditional infection prevention resources at the hospital level (infrastructure and personnel) have been largely diverted to help manage COVID-19 outbreaks at the health system level. Although this shift of resources has understandably taken immediate priority, it may have disrupted or even compromised conventional infection prevention duties (e.g., surveillance) in healthcare settings. On the other hand, infection prevention and control are playing a crucial role in the management of COVID-19, and a unique opportunity is arising to reevaluate and strengthen areas that may have been previously overlooked, and implement innovative approaches necessitated by the pandemic.

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