Special edition
World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD), 5 May 2024

WHHD is almost here!
Your 5 key reminders – act now:

1. Join and promote the following webinars to celebrate WHHD 2024:

   - [Webber training teleclass](#), on Friday 3 May, 7:30 pm CEST
   - [WHO global webinar on WHHD](#), on Monday 6 May at 2 pm CEST
• CAHO & ISQUA International Webinar Series, “Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Framework (WHO IPC Monitoring Framework)”, on Tuesday 7 May at 1:30 pm CEST.

Please share the registration links widely!

2. Plan for your organizations to use #handhygiene in any of their social posts - this will mean that together we can all amplify the message. WHO will issue social messages for a 24hr period up to 5 May. Please plan to repost these. And look out for the WHO press release which will go out on 6 May and for the WHO front page story, focused on the winners of the innovative training story competition!

3. Join the social media take-over, together with WHO colleagues. We ask that on 6 May 2024 at 13:00 CEST, you post this message on LinkedIn (or another platform) – doing this will ensure the message reaches many people!

Today is World #HandHygiene Day – @WHO calls on everyone to play all five levels of “My 5 Moments - The Game”. Set 200 years in the future at the International Alien Hospital, players encounter a series of challenges to test their #knowledge of the #FiveMoments within their #clinicalroutines. This is a new and novel resource that supports #healthcareworkers & #students in translating hand hygiene principles into practice. So play the game, and play it with others too! It’s freely available to everyone.

Why is knowledge about hand hygiene still so important?

Because it helps stop the spread of harmful germs in health care
https://5mgame.lxp.academy.who.int/
#Infectionprevention and control experts at WHO, WHO Academy leaders, and game design experts have collaborated for the first time to develop this game. This is an exciting time in the progress towards globally available innovative and novel #trainingapproaches, which is a WHO IPC evidence-based recommendation.

Take the challenge. Play the game. Maintain optimal hand hygiene. Save lives.

4. Modify the assets available for you to adapt as your own.

5. Use the range of all the resources available for you, both promotional and more technical products - see below.

All 2024 WHHD resources can be found on the campaign web page.

Please note that to find most WHHD resources, in different languages, you will have to look for them in Canto.
Modifiable assets:

1. The new virtual campaign badges. Use this new resource in two different ways:

   I. The overlay badge – this has a transparent campaign background visual (saved as a .PNG file), meaning people can upload their own image and export the overlaid PNG to share on social media, etc.

   II. The solid badge – a PNG file with the campaign wording and branding, which can be uploaded as a standard profile picture or printed at home/in the office to be cut out and made into an actual, physical badge/pin for you and colleagues to wear.

2. The posters – an easy and relatively inexpensive way to be part of the campaign is to use the poster maker to personalize this year’s campaign commitment and promotions.

Other promotional resources – all available through the campaign web page for you to use:

- Use the facts and figures launched for WHHD 2024.
- Read and share the journal editorials prepared by WHO. These are accessible through the campaign web page. Using journal editorials and promotions can help to highlight the importance and serious nature of hand hygiene knowledge to others.
- See and share some ideas for organizing participatory knowledge sharing/training sessions in the workplace on or around 5 May - instructions and the existing toolkit are available for health care facilities.
- A brand new WHO curriculum for in-service IPC training. To further support countries in their efforts to develop competence, WHO is releasing the first in-service curriculum on IPC, including hand hygiene, designed to enable all health and care workers to build their knowledge and provide safe clinical care. Look out for its launch on the web pages.
- Also find a range of the resources here in other UN languages.

My 5 Moments - The Game!

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You can also use and share the promotional video featuring aspects of the game! 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lC49iXZzVs

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Access the recordings of some recent WHO webinars

The “Warming-Up for Hand Hygiene Day”, and “My 5 Moments: The Game” webinars, both of which were held in April, can be accessed if you are part of the WHO IPC community of practice. Register, if you haven’t already, and find the webinar recordings and slides.

World Hand Hygiene Day, 2023 – summary evaluation

The purpose of this report, which was compiled in 2023, is primarily to provide a short description of a range of 2023 WHHD campaign activities and to highlight the official WHO engagement results. Its aim is to support a learning agenda around the campaign activities to ensure continuous year-on-year success. To achieve this, the report aims to primarily drive internal WHO discussion on what is working, as far as possible, but also to share key takeaways with others involved in campaign activities. Find the results on the campaign webpage. Evaluation of the 2024 campaign is already under way.

New WHO guidelines to prevent bloodstream infections when using catheters

WHO is publishing new global guidelines to prevent the spread of bloodstream and other infections from catheters placed in blood vessels. These guidelines represent the first review of best practices for catheter insertion into a minor vein or artery, known as peripherally-inserted intravascular catheters (PIVC). These guidelines are a significant step forward in ensuring patient safety, as PIVC are very commonly used in health care settings and poor insertion and management of these can risk introducing germs directly into the patient. However, infections resulting from poor use of catheters are largely preventable, in all countries, if best practice for insertion and care of catheters is followed. Watch out for the web page launch very soon.
New global technical consultation report on proposed terminology for pathogens that transmit through the air

WHO and other leading health agencies have outlined updated terminology for pathogens that transmit through the air. Read the report here: [https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/global-technical-consultation-report-on-proposed-terminology-for-pathogens-that-transmit-through-the-air](https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/global-technical-consultation-report-on-proposed-terminology-for-pathogens-that-transmit-through-the-air).

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