

## WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean **Your** Hands

### SL: CYH Newsletter

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Dear Colleagues,

Only two months to go until 5 May! This month's newsletter focuses on the launch of the WHO global surveys in support of this year's campaign which aims to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR), encouraging you and making it easy for you to take part. In addition, a new WHO poster highlighting the role of hand hygiene in combatting AMR will be made available early this month! We also highlight key WHO resources that will be made available in the upcoming weeks and which you can use in your 5 May activities.

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#### 1. 5 May 2014 – call for action

A reminder, the goal for 5 May 2014:

- To highlight the ***role of hand hygiene in combatting AMR*** by making sure the WHO 5 Moments are core to protecting patients from resistant pathogens.
- To emphasize the problem of AMR that can arise from patient care interventions.

Your one-stop shop to find all WHO 5 May information is [here](#).

Get ready and spread the message on our call for action – **new WHO poster highlighting the role of hand hygiene in combatting AMR:**

- WHO has been working with a designer to create a new eye-catching promotional poster for everyone to use to help highlight this year's global call to action. Get your free copy [here](#) – Please use it, adapt it and translate it into your local language! We hope this new poster will be displayed and seen all over the world!

#### *Launch of the WHO 5 May 2014 global surveys*

The two surveys are being launched on a new dedicated web page and are available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#)! Please participate in this global data collection which will help provide information and build knowledge on AMR and antibiotic use worldwide!

### General information:

- On the [new web page](#) you will find instructions, protocols, data collection forms and WHO Ethics Review Committee approvals.
- **As a registered SL:CYHs health-care facility, you should receive a personal email invitation to participate, including specific links to the online systems set up by WHO, which allow individual protected access to each survey.** If you don't receive it, please send us an email to [savelives@who.int](mailto:savelives@who.int).
- Health-care facilities that are not registered to SL:CYH but that wish to participate, will receive an email invitation after registering [here](#) or can send a request to participate to [savelives@who.int](mailto:savelives@who.int).
- These surveys are quite simple to complete and will not be very time-consuming.
- We are keen to receive results for both surveys from your health-care facility! If unfeasible, please prioritize to undertake just one of the two.
- Data should be returned to WHO **by 31 March 2014** through the electronic system. Please understand that data submitted after 31 March 2014 will not be included in the summary report that WHO will make available on 5 May 2014.
- WHO will be the only recipient of the data and commits to keeping individual facility names and results strictly confidential. Results will be summarized by country and issued on 5 May 2014.
- **Please also promote the surveys and make sure those who you talk to and who want to take part are registered for SL:CYH.**
- **Enquiries on the surveys and other 5 May activities can be submitted to [savelives@who.int](mailto:savelives@who.int).**

### 1. The WHO Global Laboratory-based Survey on MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT ORGANISMS (MDROs) in Health Care

- This is a global prevalence survey on the burden of MDROs from clinical specimens routinely submitted to participating laboratories for inpatients.
- The survey is based on the routine collection of blood and urine (MSU & CSU) culture specimens and will focus on five selected key MDROs pathogens:
  - Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* [MRSA]
  - Vancomycin-resistant enterococci [VRE]
  - Extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamase [ESBL] producing Enterobacteriaceae
  - Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae [CRE], and
  - Multi-resistant *Acinetobacter* spp [MRAB]
- We ask you to report the first isolate from inpatients only during the course of a single week (7 days) of your choice, any time from **1 to 28 March 2014**.
- Data should be returned to WHO **by 31 March 2014** via the electronic system accessible through the link included in your personal email invitation.

### 2. The WHO Global Prevalence Survey on use of SURGICAL ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS

- This survey is aimed at obtaining a snapshot of the prescribing of antibiotic prophylaxis, from patient records in surgical wards across a wide range of acute health-care facilities.

- Data collection will be undertaken on *one day only* between **10 and 28 March 2014**, on all patients who have had surgery over the previous three working days (excluding the day of survey).
- Any acute health-care facility can participate, having the option of choosing any number of Orthopedics, and/or Urology Surgery, and/or Gynecology/Obstetrics, and/or General Surgery wards.
- Data should be returned to WHO **by 31 March 2014** via the electronic system accessible through the link included in your personal email invitation.

## 2. **SL:CYH** registrations

Remember our registration goal in 2014 - to have at least one registered facility in each country and have entire WHO regions where each country has registered facilities.

- See the registrations update as of the end of February 2014 [here](#)! The number of registered health-care facilities has increased to **16,376 across 170 countries**! We are pleased to announce that **two new countries** have signed up: **Guinea and Montenegro**. Congratulations!
- See the updated map [here](#)! Check out the list of countries with no registrations to keep motivated to invite other facilities to sign up to the campaign.
- Recently, we reviewed our listings and are pleased to announce the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region is the first to have a registered health-care facility in every country part of this region – well done!
- Please make every possible effort to help us get more health-care facilities registered for the campaign and to spread this global movement! Share the registration call to action with colleagues; you can share this newsletter or highlight the web link of where to register when undertaking presentations.

## 3. Working in collaboration

The team at WHO has been working with many others to ensure success for this year's campaign; here are some examples – thank you to everyone.

- The Global Sepsis Alliance and Sepsis UK have actively worked to combine 5 May and WHO hand hygiene messages with their communications.
- The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC, America) has been actively planning 5 May message dissemination through a range of media.
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC, Canada) has provided the link to the WHO 5 May home page, as has the German Society of Hospital Hygiene.
- The Infection Prevention Society (IPS, UK and Ireland) has used their web pages, President's weekly digest, Twitter and the society's Journal of Infection Prevention to promote 5 May and is committed to doing a number of communications in the coming months.
- WHO Country colleagues in Argentina have been in touch with the WHO HQ team to highlight the work they are doing to spread 5 May messages, translating these into Spanish.
- And last but not at all least - Northern Ireland and Spain have both recently provided active support to ensure the WHO global surveys could be issued;

further acknowledgements will be given for this vital work.

*If you are supporting 5 May, remember to send your web link where information is featured to [savelives@who.int](mailto:savelives@who.int) and information will be gathered to list these links on the [WHO web pages](#) and to show examples in Professor Pittet's 5 May global teleclass.*

More on 'working in collaboration' will be featured next month.

#### 4. News and quick links

- Currently plans are afoot to have a Private Organizations for Patient Safety (POPS) booth at the [APIC conference](#) in June 2014. We extend thanks to APIC for their support of this venture. This is the first time this [WHO industry collaborative](#) has presented together at a conference and is part of strengthening this group's influence in improving hand hygiene for the benefits of Member States/patients across the globe.
- The new activities 'prompt' list to guide you on planning, acting and communicating in support of 5 May is [here](#). Let it help you make the most of your activities this year!
- Don't forget to use the [5 May ads](#) prepared by WHO to put in your publications.
- All of WHO's SL:CYHs information and hand hygiene tools can be found [here](#).
- We will issue the following **new posters and tools** between the end of March and early April:
  - A new poster featuring the importance of Moment 5 linked to environment contamination by MDROs;
  - A new diagram to show 5 Moments in relation to risk assessment for catheter-associated urinary tract infection;
  - Tips for patients to understand hand hygiene best practices to prevent MDRO transmission and appropriate antibiotic use.
  - Don't forget that last year saw the issue of Top Tips for engaging patients, the tools can still be found on our [home page](#) If you haven't used these tools or thought about these activities, make them part of your action plans now! WHO example action plans can be found [here](#).
- The French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic 5 May pages are being updated presently to ensure we engage as many as possible around the world in our campaign activities; share this information with relevant colleagues.

#### 5. Events and training

- Webber Teleclasses
  - find [past recordings](#) here, many of which feature hand hygiene
  - [Webber teleclasses for March](#) will include:
    - **How to prevent the spread of multi-resistant bacteria.** Speaker: **Dr Stephan Harbarth**, University of Geneva Hospitals, Switzerland (free WHO teleclass).
    - **Integrating human factors with infection prevention and control.** Speakers: **Julie Storr** and **Claire Kilpatrick**, KS Healthcare Consulting,

and **Dr Neil Wigglesworth**, Welsh Healthcare Associated Infection Programme Team (free teleclass).

- [New merged MSc in Infection at Imperial College London](#) – this course will be open for applications in October 2014 for those interested in reducing HAIs, tackling AMR and improving health outcomes.

**Thank you for tuning in and for sharing this newsletter, this campaign cannot exist without you!**

## **WHO Clean Care is Safer Care Team**

[Previous SL:CYHs newsletters](#) - share with others & track your progress.

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<http://www.who.int/gpsc/en/>

Providing WHO information has to be balanced with available resources, both human and financial. WHO do their best to translate their most relevant tools and documents. Regretfully, we are not currently in a position to translate this SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands newsletter into French or Spanish. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and hope that you will remain a valued reader of the newsletter.

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