

WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

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Our call to action to health workers

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A campaign message for you

Message from Professors Benedetta Allegranzi and Didier Pittet:

“There is now just one month to go until 5 May 2016! We know that there are many challenges for all of you, working hard to make health care safer every day. We also understand the challenge of trying to get your voice heard. But let’s never forget that the importance of hand hygiene at the point of patient care is universal and something that we can work on and achieve together. It keeps patients safe and is part of the quality aspect of care. That is why we know that you will join us once again, with colleagues from across the world, to take action this year. Thank you for your hard work and your commitment. Let’s make 2016 another year that makes a difference to people’s lives.”

WHO 5 May 2016 promotional posters issued now

“See Your Hands – hand hygiene supports safe surgical care -

Practice hand hygiene for surgical patients from admission to discharge”

On the campaign web pages you can find promotional posters intended for use in every facility in every country to highlight the importance of this year’s campaign message.

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/>

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/fr/>

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/es/>

We encourage you to use these to promote the 2016 campaign in your organizations and regions. Every year, we know that many people, facilities and countries organize numerous activities to maintain the profile of hand hygiene in health care, so please use the WHO messages and materials to support your work, and please share these with all your colleagues and contacts.

Are you featuring information on your 5 May activities on your web pages and providing a link to the WHO campaign web page? If so, let us know and we can feature a link to your web page.

Coming next for 5 May 2016

- A promotional poster outlining our call to action for infection prevention and surgical teams to come together to demonstrate commitment to clean hands and safe care. This will be a photo opportunity so that once again we can use social media to spread our 5 May message across the world – visit the campaign web page in the next days to download your posters, the campaign photo board and social media avatar!
- A technical poster featuring the WHO 'My 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene' for a patient with a post-operative wound.
- An infographic on the reasons for hand hygiene in the safety of surgical patients from admission to discharge.
- A WHO video containing key messages and that can be used at your events to motivate your colleagues.

Find out how many facilities in your country are committed to the campaign

To find out about facilities that have signed up to the campaign, visit this [web page](#). As of 1 April 2016, 18, 508 facilities have signed up, in 175 countries – an amazing achievement and thank you to everyone!

If you know of a health facility that has not yet registered with the campaign, ask them to sign up [here](#). If you are holding an event around 5 May, you can use the Excel spreadsheet on this page to 'sign up' a number of health facilities and you can then email this to us at savelives@who.int. Every year, we look forward to acknowledging the number of new facilities demonstrating commitment, as well as welcoming new countries.

Events and training information

The 26th ECCMID Conference will take place on 9-12 April 2016 in Amsterdam. Find more information [here](#).

On 10 April 2016 at 16:00 in Hall K, experts working with the WHO Infection Prevention and Control Global Unit Team will present several papers that are part of the evidence background for the upcoming Guidelines on the prevention of surgical site infections. Some posters will also be presented at ECCMID. Please join us or follow us on Twitter #ECCMID2016

Join a free WHO Webber Teleclass in April, [register here](#).

20 April - The Core Components for Infection Prevention and Control Programmes. Julie Storr, World Health Organization

Put the date in your diary! – Professor Didier Pittet will present his global teleclass on 4 May this year. You can register [here](#).

Special focus on global infection prevention and control activities

WHO Core Components for IPC Programmes – this 2009 WHO publication is currently being updated through a systematic literature review process. A Guidelines Development Group (GDG) meeting was recently held, bringing together international experts for the purpose of

drafting evidence-based recommendations from the literature review. A new WHO guideline document will be issued later in 2016, with relevance to all countries.

WHO Injection safety campaign - in line with the 2015 WHO Injection Safety policy statement and campaign plan, a number of documents have been updated and uploaded to the injection safety [web page](#), including an aide-memoire for developing a national strategy for the safe and appropriate use of injections, guiding principles to ensure injection device security and managing an injection safely policy.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and attention to the SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands campaign and other infection prevention and control improvement activities you are leading or participating in!
Every little thing counts!

The WHO Infection Prevention and Control Global Unit Team

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

Past information on SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands can be found in [previous newsletters](#) and on our [web pages](#).

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.

La délivrance d'informations provenant de l'OMS dépend des ressources disponibles, à la fois humaines et financières. L'OMS, comprenant l'équipe "Un Soin Propre est un Soins plus sûr", fait de son mieux pour traduire ses outils et documents les plus importants. Malheureusement, nous ne sommes pas actuellement en mesure de traduire la lettre d'information mensuelle de SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands en français et en espagnol. Nous nous excusons pour ce désagrément et espérons que vous resterez un fidèle lecteur de la lettre d'information à l'avenir.

La información generada por la OMS, depende de los recursos humanos y económicos disponibles. El Programa, y el equipo de la iniciativa "Cuidado Limpio es Cuidado Seguro", realizan sus mejores esfuerzos para traducir el material y documentos de mayor importancia. Desafortunadamente, por el momento no contamos con la facilidad de traducir el boletín mensual SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands en francés o español. Le pedimos disculpas por cualquier inconveniente que podamos causarle, y esperamos seguir contando con su valiosa participación como lector de nuestro boletín.