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Highlights

- World Hand Hygiene Day 2024
- WHO research for hand hygiene in health care
- Resource considerations for investing in hand hygiene improvement in health care facilities
- Global action plan and monitoring framework on infection prevention and control 2024-2030
- Hand Hygiene Acceleration Framework Tool (HHAFT)
- Interactive game to promote my 5 moments for hand hygiene

World Hand Hygiene Day 2024

World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD) 2024

- **Theme**
 - Promoting knowledge and capacity building of health and care workers through innovative and impactful training and education, on infection prevention and control, including hand hygiene.
- **Slogan**
 - **Why is sharing knowledge about hand hygiene still so important?**
Because it helps stop the spread of harmful germs in healthcare.

WHO | WHHD 2024 resources | [Online link](#) | [HH implementation tools](#)



Guidance

WHO research for hand hygiene in health care 2023–2030

- Provides ideas for researchers to focus their projects and funding proposals on improving hand hygiene
- Guides policymakers and stakeholders at national and international level to support country efforts in updating and strengthening hand hygiene promotion programmes.

WHO | Technical document | 5 May 2023 | [Online link](#)

Hand hygiene for all initiative: improving access and behaviour in health care facilities: current evidence, identifying gaps and future directions

- Provides insights into available strategies and approaches for hand hygiene improvement in healthcare facilities.
- Supported implementation of WHO's global recommendations on hand hygiene to prevent COVID-19.

WHO | Technical document | 12 October 2020 | [Online link](#)

Resource considerations for investing in hand hygiene improvement in health care facilities

- Focuses on resource considerations for investing in hand hygiene improvement in health care – at primary, secondary and tertiary levels.
- Presents inputs (equipment, supplies and activities) to estimate the investments needed to implement and sustain a comprehensive hand hygiene programme.

WHO | Technical document | 5 May 2021 | [Online link](#)

Evidence of hand hygiene as the building block for infection prevention and control

- Outlines the scientific evidence on hand hygiene to support IPC programmes understand the impact of hand hygiene on patient outcomes.
- Discusses the role of hand hygiene as a building block for IPC at national and facility level.

WHO | Technical document | 5 May 2017 | [Online link](#)

Summary report: hand hygiene self-assessment framework survey 2015/2016

- Documents the status of hand hygiene, based on WHO's hand hygiene self-assessment framework.
- Based on surveys from 807 facilities in 91 countries (including 12 from India) between June 2015 to January 2016.

WHO | Report | 14 July 2016 | [Online link](#)

Hand hygiene in outpatient and home-based care and long-term care facilities: a guide to the application of the WHO multimodal hand hygiene improvement strategy and the “My Five Moments For Hand Hygiene” approach

- Addresses practical aspects related to routine hand hygiene.
- Includes background evidence and theoretical principles on hand hygiene and WHO multimodal hand hygiene improvement strategy.

WHO | Guidance | 5 May 2012 | [Online link](#)

Hand hygiene technical reference manual: to be used by health-care workers, trainers and observers of hand hygiene practices

- Developed to assist healthcare workers to implement improvements in their facility as part of a multi-modal strategy and in accordance with WHO guidelines on hand hygiene in health care.

WHO | Manual | 5 May 2009 | [Online link](#)

WHO guidelines on hand hygiene in health care

- Documents evidence on hand hygiene in healthcare and recommendations to improve hand hygiene practices and reduce transmission of pathogens to patients and health workers.

WHO | Guideline | 15 January 2009 | [Online link](#)

A guide to the implementation of the WHO multimodal hand hygiene improvement strategy

- Assists healthcare facilities to improve hand hygiene through operational guidance as part of an integrated approach to reduce healthcare associated infections.

WHO | Normative guidance | 9 February 2009 | [Online link](#)

Global action plan and monitoring framework on infection prevention and control (IPC) 2024-2030

- Proposes key (and additional) actions to improve IPC at global, regional, national, subnational and facility levels.
- Also proposes a monitoring framework with a set of targets at global and national levels.

WHO | Technical documents | 16 January 2024 | [Online link](#)

Core competencies for infection prevention and control professionals

- Outlines the core competencies for IPC professionals at national and facility levels.
- Can be used for training need assessment of IPC professionals and developing institutional curricula for IPC trainings.

WHO | Normative guidance | 17 September 2020 | [Online link](#)

Minimum requirements for infection prevention and control programmes

- Provide health-care workers, hospital administrators and health authorities with evidence on hand hygiene in health care and specific recommendations to improve practices and reduce transmission of pathogenic microorganisms.
- Promotes minimum requirements for IPC programmes at national and healthcare facility level – which are IPC standards that should be in place to provide minimum protection and safety to patients, healthcare workers and visitors.

WHO | Technical document | 18 November 2019 | [Online link](#)

Guidelines on core components of infection prevention and control programmes at the national and acute health care facility level

- Provides evidence-based recommendations on core components of IPC programmes at national and acute facility level – to prevent HAI and to combat AMR.
- Intended for IPC and AMR focal points responsible for establishment and monitoring of national IPC programmes and AMR national action plans.

WHO | Guideline | 1 November 2016 | [Online link](#)

Tools

Hand Hygiene Acceleration Framework Tool (HHAFT)

- Promotes policy actions to accelerate progress towards universal hand hygiene by 2030.
- Identifies barriers, opportunities and priority actions to accelerate universal hand hygiene, and promote investments for hand hygiene.

WHO | Technical document | 23 November 2022 | [Online link](#)

Assessment tool on infection prevention and control minimum requirements

- Supports implementation of WHO minimum requirements for IPC programmes, derived from core components for IPC programmes in – tertiary healthcare facilities, secondary healthcare facilities and primary healthcare facilities.

WHO | Standards | 13 November 2023 | [Tertiary facilities](#) | [Secondary facilities](#) | [Primary facilities](#)

Trainings

Game – my 5 moments for hand hygiene

- This interactive game promotes compliance with hand hygiene – to avoid microbial cross-transmission and healthcare-associated infections.
- Targets clinical health professionals and students.

WHO Academy | Learning tool | November 2023 | [Online link](#)

Standard precautions: hand hygiene

- Online course of approximately 1 hour based on implementing WHO guidelines and tools on hand hygiene.
- Participants with at least 70% score in post-test will receive a certificate.

OpenWHO | Course | 25 February 2020 | [Online link](#)