

WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

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Our call to action to health workers

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Bringing you the 5 May 2016 SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands slogan and image!

See Your Hands – hand hygiene supports safe surgical care

Practice hand hygiene for surgical patients from admission to discharge

You can find this slogan and a new associated image featured on the campaign web pages

<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.

Coming next – a promotional poster and a “how to” guide featuring information on how you can link with and engage your surgical teams in support of this year’s campaign. A technical poster featuring the 5 Moments in the context of surgical care and an infographic will follow in April, which will give you another opportunity to maintain the profile of hand hygiene along the surgical care continuum. Get ready to use these so that by 5 May we have evidence of infection prevention teams engaging with surgical teams to raise awareness about the prevention of infections in surgery and surgical site infections in particular.

Do you know a health facility that is not yet registered with the SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands campaign? Ask them to sign up [here](#). If you are having an event before or even after 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.

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.

Are you joining Professor Didier Pittet on his call from the WHO Collaborating Centre in Geneva to undertake a hand sanitizing relay? Find more information on how to do this [here](#).

Every year, we know that many people, facilities and countries do numerous activities to maintain the profile of hand hygiene in health care, in support of this WHO campaign – thank you to everyone for continuing to do this – it helps save patient lives. Please use these messages to send to your colleagues and contacts.

Events and training information

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

On 10 April 2016 at 16:00h 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 on Twitter

Join free Webber Teleclasses in March, [register here](#).

10 March: Barriers to TB Infection Control in Developing Countries. Dr Eltony Mugomeri, National University of Lesotho.

16 March: The Global Mycobacterium Chimaera Outbreak in Cardiac Surgery. Dr Hugo Sax, University of Zurich Hospitals.

17 March: Infection Prevention and Control with Accreditation Canada QMENTUM Program. Chingiz Amirov

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

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 Soin 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.