

WHO Infection Prevention and Control Global Newsletter



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WHO infection prevention and control (IPC) global unit news

SAVE LIVES: Clean YOUR Hands - 5 May global annual campaign

The countdown to 5 May is now on! Being “campaign active” is an important part of improving hand hygiene and IPC in health care. “Clean care for all – it’s in your hands” is this year’s slogan.

“Health facilities should always be places of healing. No one should get sick while seeking care. Achieving universal health coverage means quality care for everyone, everywhere. And quality care is clean care. We all have a part to play; hand hygiene is one of the most basic elements of infection prevention and control.” **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General,** [advocacy video](#).



The following WHO campaign resources are now available on the [5 May 2019 web page](#), including:

- **two slide sets** (one short and one long) for you to outline everything about this year's campaign;
- **a new advocacy video by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Professor Didier Pittet** – watch it now to understand the campaign actions this year and use it at your 5 May events;
- **posters featuring the calls to action** for target audiences;
- **instructions on how to insert your own photos** into the campaign posters;
- **a photo board** – a blank branded A4 board which allows you to add your name/message for photographs;
- **instructions on how to do a solidarity chain** to demonstrate support for clean care;
- **a new animation video** showing how hand hygiene, a simple action, can lead to many healthy situations! This will be the last campaign product to be launched on 3 May!
- **suggested social media messages** and image cards to adopt or adapt for your use around 3-5 May - the #s for this year are: #handhygiene #infectionprevention #healthforall; use social media to circulate the new animation video and pictures of your adapted posters, photo boards and your solidarity chains! Send your pictures to us [here](#) too!
- **5 Moments posters** for use in a range of settings including outpatient facilities;

Other language wording and posters are also available via the UN language page links [here](#). We would like to thank everyone who has made efforts to translate posters into various other languages.

Health facilities, please [sign up to the campaign if not done so already](#) - Registration provides automatic access to the newsletter and invitations to surveys, etc. Since 5 May 2018, more than 500 new health care facilities have signed up making a total of more than 22 000, including two new countries that have registered a facility, Guinea-Bissau and Mauritania. Find out more [here](#).

Also, join the **3 May Webber teleclass** - [register now](#) - Professors Didier Pittet and Benedetta Allegranzi will talk about *Clean care for all* and will describe the connections between quality, universal health coverage and IPC. If you have promoted the hand hygiene campaign on your web pages, the link will be featured on WHO web pages and in this teleclass. Thank you for all your action and support.

Lastly, read about this topic also in the [Lancet Global Health!](#) A *Comment* authored by WHO will be published online on 5 May!

WHO global survey on IPC and hand hygiene

WHO recently launched a global survey to encourage and support health care facilities to conduct local assessments of their IPC implementation and hand hygiene activities. All facilities are invited to participate and submit data using the IPC self-assessment framework ([IPCAF](#)) and the hand hygiene self-assessment framework ([HHSAF](#)). Once completed, you will receive downloadable files showing your status and progress. Please note, **the survey end date is 16 July 2019**. Click [here](#) to

access all relevant instructions and resources. More than 800 facilities from 101 countries have already taken the survey. **Please join us and promote the survey!**

New implementation manual to prevent and control the spread of carbapenem-resistant organisms at the national and health care facility level

This new [manual](#) is meant to support the implementation of the [WHO Guidelines](#) for the prevention and control of carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae, *Acinetobacter baumannii* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in health care facilities. It provides IPC leads and teams at the national and facility level with practical guidance to prepare for and react to outbreaks due to carbapenem resistant organisms according to key recommended measures.



Other news from WHO headquarters

Submit your IPC and WASH stories to the new WASH in health care facilities web platform

It is easy to submit a story, [just use this web link](#) and show how countries and local leaders and communities are making a difference.

Live streaming of a play to celebrate the role of nurses and midwives

On Monday 6 May, from 12.30–13:30 CET (Geneva, Switzerland), to celebrate both **International Day of the Midwife (5 May)** and **International Nurses Day (12 May)**, WHO headquarters will premiere an original play called “Born in the Ruins” that highlights the work of midwives and nurses in a conflict and emergency setting. Further details on the International Day of the Midwife and International Nurses Day, and a live streaming link to the play will be posted [here](#) from 1 May.

Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP) – GARDP is a non-profit research and development organization initiated by WHO and the Drugs for Neglected Disease initiative, that addresses global public health needs by developing and delivering new or improved antibiotic treatments, while endeavouring to ensure their sustainable access. GARDP recently launched the COHERENCE (COmbination tHERapy to treat sepsis due to carbapenem-resistant Gram negative bacteria in adult and paediatric population: EvidenCE and common practice) project. As a first activity, COHERENCE launched a survey assessing the prescription habits and attitudes of clinicians who normally deal with the treatment of carbapenem-resistant Gram negative bacteria in adult and paediatric populations worldwide. Please promote the survey and participate [here](#)! By completing the survey, you will have a chance to win a complimentary registration for the 2020 ECCMID Congress in Paris.

News from stakeholders

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

In support of 5 May hand hygiene campaign activities, ECDC will be promoting reports and materials including:

- a [short video](#) on the importance of clean hands
- infographics:
 - [Antibiotic resistance – an increasing threat to human health](#)
 - [Healthcare-associated infections – a threat to patient safety in Europe](#)
- Highlights of the PPS published on Euro-surveillance:
 - Antimicrobial use in European acute care hospitals: [results](#) from the second point prevalence survey of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial use, 2016-2017.
 - Antimicrobial use in European long-term care facilities: [results](#) from the third point prevalence survey of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial use, 2016-2017.
 - Prevalence of healthcare-associated infections, estimated incidence, and composite antimicrobial resistance index in acute care hospitals and long-term care facilities: [results](#) from two European point prevalence surveys, 2016-2017.

Conferences and meetings

International Conference on Prevention and Infection Control (ICPIC) – 10–13 September 2019, in Geneva, Switzerland. The call for abstracts is open until midnight 29 May. Click [here](#) for all relevant information. Please note that there will be grants for participants from low- and middle-income countries having an accepted abstract!

Conference on Antibiotic Stewardship & Conservation in Africa - 20-23 October, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa. Please send your abstracts **by 30 June** to norhed@ukzn.ac.za using the template available [here](#).

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Previous *Save Lives Clean Your hands* newsletters can be found [here](#).

Providing WHO information must 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 able 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.