



Draft letter to identified stakeholders to support commitment to **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands**

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Dear Colleagues

10,000 for 2010

On 5 May 2010, WHO Patient Safety will again be profiling hand hygiene to the world as part of our ongoing commitment to reducing the global burden of disease attributable to health care-associated infection. In May 2009, we successfully launched **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands**, as part of WHO's First Global Patient Safety Challenge: *Clean Care is Safer Care*. The energies and commitment of 5000 hospitals and health-care facilities worldwide, have already contributed to make this a very valuable event with activities taking place in many facilities that involved patients as well as staff.

In 2010, WHO hopes to double the number of registrations so that 10,000 facilities are registered by 5 May. From 1 November this year, WHO began a comprehensive campaign to encourage registrations from all over the world. You can help by registering for **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** and asking neighbouring hospitals or health-care facilities in your region to send in their registration details. Or, please just pass on the word whenever you can. By cleaning hands in the right way at the right time, lives can be saved. You can download more information from the following website <http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/index.html>

Thank you for your ongoing support. Working together can ensure an impact on patient safety.

Yours sincerely

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