

## **WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands**

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*'Be the change that you want to see in the world' (Gandhi)*

The WHO First Global Patient Safety Challenge, including SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands, isn't just about demonstrating global commitment to hand hygiene and reduction of health care-associated infection; it's truly about everyone being committed to taking action at the point of care to improve patient safety and to facilitate a necessary social movement.

WHO is supporting efforts, not just by coordinating the global annual SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands campaign for the last two years, which has acted as a catalyst for action, but by providing the evidence, tools and communications that allow this to happen. Your role however is vital, both as an advocate and change agent.

The opportunity to adapt and adopt WHO First Global Patient Safety Challenge tools exists now; making it easier for all countries and settings to take action today and every day.

### **In this month's newsletter:**

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**Dear Colleagues,**

### **Latest update on WHO tools available on the web pages**

- De nouveaux outils ont récemment été rajoutés aux pages [francophones de notre site](#), dans l'espoir que cela encouragera de plus en plus d'établissements de santé à rejoindre le mouvement
- Current English tools can be found at [here](#). Recently a WHO 'My 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene' poster of a patient sitting in a chair has also been added
- Locally adapted examples of tools are also available [here](#)
- It is important to note the copyright/translations [permissions process for tools](#)
- Translation of tools into other official WHO languages continues.

## **Current registration numbers**

The current number of registered health-care facilities stands at 11,967 from 143 countries, representing over 6.5 million staff and almost 3 million patient beds.

Find out more about the location of [registered facilities](#)

## **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** forward strategy

Forward planning for the global annual campaign on 5 May each year is currently being considered. It is important that the progress made in the first two years is taken forward by the right people in the right places with WHO's support; your actions will be crucial in sustaining the aims of this global initiative! More information will be forthcoming in this newsletter and on the web pages.

## **WHO Infection Control Webinar Series update**

13 July 2010, 3 pm (CET)

### **Epidemiology and prevention of hospital-acquired/ventilator-associated pneumonia**

P. Eggimann, Lausanne, Switzerland

[Reserve your webinar seat now](#)

## **Forthcoming infection control conference**

The International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) in collaboration with Infection Prevention and Control Africa Network (IPCAN) host their conference in South Africa on 28-31 August 2010. At this event, among other excellent presentations, there will be several opportunities to hear updates from the WHO First Global Patient Safety Challenge, including a keynote lecture from Professor Pittet, and two workshops; on infection control in developing countries and the implementation of the WHO 'My 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene'

<http://www.theific.org/ipcan2010.asp>

## **Find out more and available materials**

- A number of frequently asked questions and answers, as well as information on country activities, also exist to support implementation of hand hygiene campaigns  
[http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/tools/training\\_education/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/tools/training_education/en/index.html)  
[http://www.who.int/gpsc/national\\_campaigns/en/](http://www.who.int/gpsc/national_campaigns/en/)
- You can request postcard-sized fliers focussing on the importance of hand hygiene and WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands for your events by writing to [savelives@who.int](mailto:savelives@who.int)

- Any other enquiries should be sent to [savelives@who.int](mailto:savelives@who.int)
- Previous newsletters can be found at [here](#)

Please cascade this newsletter/information to at least 5 other health-care professionals you meet in the next month to support the change that you want to see in the world!

Thank you for your ongoing commitment.

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*WHO Patient Safety - Is your health-care facility registered for SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands? If not, [sign up now](#) and encourage other health-care facilities to do the same.*

Previous **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** newsletters can be found at: <http://www.who.int/gpsc/news/en/index.html> and can be used to help you develop your own messages to encourage others to take action. Please cascade this and other **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** messages to as many as you can to help this global movement, the time is now more critical than ever.