

# **First Global Patient Safety Challenge “*Clean Care is Safer Care*”**

## **Core Group Meeting**

**Geneva, 30-31 August 2007**

**WHO Headquarters, Geneva, main building, salle B**

### **Introduction and background:**

The First Global Patient Safety Challenge, *Clean Care is Safer Care*, was inaugurated as a flagship programme of the World Alliance for Patient Safety with the First International Consultation Meeting of technical experts in December 2004. During 2005 a further International Consultation Meeting took place (April) and this was followed up by two meetings of a Core Group of technical experts who shaped the progress of the technical work and ensured the completion of the WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care, which were published in an Advanced Draft form in early 2006. In one respect the Core Group have acted in the capacity of a steering group of experts, having input into all areas of work of the Challenge, but significant involvement in the technical, guideline development.

In the period of time since the last meeting of the Core Group (March 2006), significant progress has been made across each of the three work streams and this is briefly summarized below:

1. Technical work:
  - a. The main output of the technical work has been a WHO Guideline, the first to solely focus on hand hygiene as a key infection control measure. The guidelines are currently available for download via a stand-alone website and are disseminated to countries on request.
  - b. A multimodal implementation strategy has been developed, based on the nine recommendations of the Guidelines and is currently being tested and evaluated.
2. Global awareness raising:
  - a. Targeted awareness raising work has occurred with specialist professional organizations, and the key messages of the First Global Patient Safety Challenge have been disseminated via national and international conferences, professional body websites and in some cases direct communication to individuals.
  - b. During 2007 a concerted effort is being made to penetrate more widely across non-specialist groups (e.g. working with the International Hospital Federation).
  - c. The Challenge website is used as a vehicle for awareness raising.
  - d. Regional workshops, in each of the six regions form one arm of awareness raising. The target audience consists not only of specialists, but national decision makers in the field of safety and infection control as well as communications experts.
3. Country Commitments (country pledges)
  - a. 45 countries and autonomous regions have thus far signed national ministerial commitments to tackle health care-associated infections. The extent of action taken at country level as a result of these "pledges" has been variable, but a significant number

have started or are considering national campaigning as a method of kick-starting or sustaining hand hygiene improvement.

The original two year time-frame of the First Challenge has been extended. The final version of the Guidelines is scheduled for publication in September 2008. Work related to awareness raising and country commitment will continue in some form beyond 2008, and will be driven by both the World Alliance for Patient Safety and the University of Geneva Hospitals. The exact form that this sustainability-related work will take is being developed

The Core Group members are also invited to participate in the Country Campaigning meeting being scheduled to take place on 29-30 August. Bringing together the coordinators of national hand hygiene campaigns and the members of a Core Technical Steering Group, provides a timely opportunity to reflect on progress, consider the extent to which the Challenge has mobilized key actors, and take the important learning to the next stage of the project with the ultimate aim of changing health-care worker behaviour at the bedside and so improving patient safety across the world.

## **Core Group Meeting Agenda**

### **The goals of the Core Group Meeting are:**

1. To determine the ongoing role of Core Group members in the First Global Patient Safety Challenge;
2. To review the current progress of each component of the Challenge;
3. To review the current implementation strategy;
4. To define the final products of the First Global Patient Safety Challenge;
5. To review the *Action Plan* for the final phase of the First Global Patient Safety Challenge with particular focus on the strategies for identifying global and national opinion leaders;
6. To determine how best to spread messages beyond the established interested specialist professional bodies;
7. To determine how to ensure integration of hand hygiene improvement with broader infection control issues, globally and locally;
8. To identify methods and timeline for the finalization of the WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care and implementation strategy and tools;
9. To determine how to best integrate the lessons learned from the implementation testing phase in the final WHO Guidelines;
10. To determine the methods and approaches towards scale-up and sustainability.

### **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August – afternoon\***

#### **In attendance:**

- Core Group Members only

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| 14:00 – 14:15 | Introduction and reiteration of the goals of the First Global Patient Safety Challenge: a vision of the of the final outputs (D. Pittet) |
| 14:15 – 14:45 | Proposal for evaluation part 1 - Global Point Prevalence of Hand Hygiene Compliance (J. Storr)   |

- 14:45 – 15:00 Proposal for evaluation part 2 - impact analysis (J. Storr)
- 15:00 – 16:00 Stakeholder engagement - how far have we penetrated, how far should we aim? (A. Leotsakos)
- 16:00 – 17:30 Finalization of Guidelines, implementation strategy and tools (B. Allegranzi)
- 17.30 - 18.00 Future publications (D. Pittet)

*Core Group Working Dinner*

- 18:30 – 19:00 Beyond the First Challenge 1: The Solutions Programme and the High Fives (G. Dziekan)
- 19:00 – 19:30 Beyond the First Challenge 2: Reviewing the extent of hand hygiene improvement work not directly integrated with the First Global Patient Safety Challenge (e.g. Joint Commission Monograph on Compliance Monitoring) (E. Larson)
- 19:30 – 20:30 Strategy for future country launches, sustainability, scale-up and spread - role of Core Group Members (D. Pittet)
- 20.30 Close of day 2

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August – morning\***

- 9:00 – 9:10 Summary of previous day's work
- 9:10 – 10:15 Update on Task Force work and current priorities (B. Allegranzi and J. Storr)
- 10:15 – 10:45 Sustainability, scale-up and spread: role of the HUG Collaborating Centre, other Collaborating and academic centres (D. Pittet)
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 11:30 Integrating the hand hygiene agenda with the wider infection control agenda (D. Pittet)
- 11:30 – 12:00 Communicating success, sharing knowledge - strategy for 2008 and beyond (D. Pittet)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Close of the meeting and next steps - videoconference with Sir Liam Donaldson and Pauline Philip in London

\* Each session includes a presentation (20-30 min) to introduce the topic and plenary discussion