

WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

SL:CYH Newsletter

Our call to action to health workers

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Announcing the new, first ever global guidelines on the prevention of surgical site infection – being launched today!

The new Global guidelines for the prevention of surgical site infection include a list of 29 concrete recommendations distilled by 20 of the world's leading experts from 26 reviews of the latest evidence. The recommendations were also published today in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* and are designed to address the increasing burden of health care-associated infections on both patients and health care systems globally.

A WHO press release has been issued alongside an interview with Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer for England. AMR is clearly pertinent to the SSI work and these guidelines include key recommendations on the prudent use of antibiotics. WHO has also issued social media messages – please like and retweet these messages to be part of WHO's dissemination strategy!

This is a world first and we encourage you all to access the guidelines, publications and supporting tools [here](#).

Coming in November – new WHO guidelines on core components for infection prevention and control programmes at national and acute health care facility level

The official launch of these new IPC Guidelines will take place during World Antibiotic Awareness Week (14-20 November 2016). These guidelines are based on a systematic review and approved via the WHO Guideline Review Committee process.

Most importantly, to coincide with the launch, we will be publishing the guidelines in an open access, peer-reviewed journal - *Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control (ARIC)*. We think this is very exciting and sends out a very positive message

regarding the interconnection between AMR and IPC. Please go to our [web pages](#) to access the guidelines.

Launched in October 2016, the new WHO manual on the Decontamination and reprocessing of medical devices for health care facilities

Find this new manual [here](#).

An update on WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands campaign activities

The theme for 5 May 2017 will shortly be announced. In the meantime, do use the [campaign toolkit](#) to help you get ready!

WHO AMR update

Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats to global health today. WHO is leading a global campaign entitled *Antibiotics: Handle with care*, to improve awareness and understanding of this urgent problem among the public, policy-makers, health and agriculture professionals. This year, World Antibiotic Awareness Week kicks off on 14 November. Remember to check our [web pages](#) for the latest information and campaign materials

New ECDC Annual Epidemiological Report on SSI for 2013-2014

Today the European Centres for Disease Control (ECDC) have issued their report on surgical site infections from 2013-2014. Find the report [here](#).

Events and training information

To access the upcoming free Webber teleclasses, please register [here](#).

14 November 2016, 13:30 GMT. *New recommendations from the World Health Organization to fight antimicrobial resistance* with Professor Benedetta Allegranzi.

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!

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 Soins Propres est un Soins 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.