

WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

SL: CYH Newsletter

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***CAMPAIGN UPDATE – our call to action to health workers on and around
5 May 2015***

Just four weeks to go until 5 May 2015! – the global day for action on hand hygiene in health care!

What can you do now?

Print the new ‘[Safety Starts Here](#)’ posters and use them to once again raise awareness of the importance of hand hygiene in health care. Hand hygiene done at the right times and in the right way, contributes to ensuring strong, safe health systems, providing reassurance to everyone.

Take your photo with the WHO #safeHANDS photo board and post it on social media – find the photo boards [here](#) and by posting your photos you will help raise global awareness of how important it is to ‘provide and support clean care’, because patients deserve ‘clean care’.

Plan to do a [hand sanitizing relay](#) in your organization – get ready now, spread the word across your organization, by using the promotional poster provided [here](#)! More information will follow shortly.

Feature your 5 May 2015 SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands activities on your web pages - we will then feature your URL [here](#), allowing people all over the world to see how much effort goes into hand hygiene awareness-raising.

What difference will these activities make? Your actions, all across the world, keep hand hygiene action high on everyone’s agenda, highlighting that it is one of the top patient safety strategies that can help save millions of lives every year.

In the lead-up to 5 May, further resources will be released:

- a new one-minute 5 May 2015 video that will help your promotional activities;
- a new web page featuring statements from different countries regarding their on-going commitment to hand hygiene action, which aims to give you renewed support for your hand hygiene activities;
- a refreshed look to our web pages to make it easier for you to access all the WHO hand hygiene tools;
- information on how hand hygiene is supporting patient and health worker safety in the on-going Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

And don't forget, if you haven't already done so, please consider:

- telling 10 other health-care facilities to [sign up](#) to the SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands campaign.
- [registering to attend ICPIIC 2015](#), where a range of hand hygiene, infection prevention and AMR topics will be presented.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Keep checking our [web pages](#) for more 5 May 2015 resources.

The WHO Clean Care is Safer Care Team

Past information on SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands can be found in [previous newsletters](#).

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<http://www.who.int/gpsc/en/>

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.

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