

WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

SL: CYH Newsletter

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Dear Colleagues,

5 May is almost here! This last newsletter before 5 May is a reminder about all the resources available to you! We are extremely pleased to also let you know that once again thousands of health-care facilities and several nations as a whole have responded to this year's WHO call to action on hand hygiene and antimicrobial resistance (AMR)! Thank you to everyone for preparing activities, translating our materials, and generating such excitement across the world for this year's campaign.

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Your next newsletter, coming soon after 5 May - will share information about commitment from around the world!

1. The WHO 5 May 2014 global surveys – deadline for data submission extended to 15 June 2014 due to overwhelming interest!

- **Laboratory-based Survey on MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT ORGANISMS (MDROs) in Health Care** - to assess and raise awareness of the prevalence of the five main health care-associated MDROs identified at global level.
- **Survey on the use of SURGICAL ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS** - to assess surgical antibiotic prophylaxis prescribing in a wide range of acute health-care facilities.

The interim results of the two WHO Global surveys will be available [here](#) and will be discussed by Professor Pittet in his Special Teleclass for 5 May. Given the high interest in participation, we have decided to keep the online submissions **open until 15 June 2014**. Therefore, you can still participate and encourage others to do the same! Take the chance to add to the 1500 health-care facilities that have already submitted data!

All information can be found [here](#).

2. 5 May 2014 – everything that is available to you!

This year's goal has been to:

- highlight the **role of hand hygiene in combatting AMR** by making sure the WHO 5 Moments are core to protecting patients from resistant pathogens;
- emphasize the problem of AMR that can arise from patient care interventions.

Access all resources on our WHO “one-stop shop” [web page](#).

Here is a taster of what you can find!

- [A brand new screensaver](#) (but only available as of 2 May 2014) featuring the WHO 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene – this is an excellent resource. Use it now in your health-care facility! Soon this will also be available in [French](#) and [Spanish](#).
- [A press release](#) (but only available as of 2 May 2014) featuring an outline of the WHO global survey results so far, as well as the “Evidence of hand hygiene to reduce transmission and infections by multi-drug resistant organisms in health-care settings – summary of a systematic literature review”.
- [A promotional video](#) for you all to use ([Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)).
- [Prof Didier Pittet, 5 May video message](#) – available now to use at your events.
- [All new WHO posters](#) focused on the role of hand hygiene in combatting AMR (LINK). You can also find French versions [here](#) and Spanish versions [here](#).
- **Hand hygiene and antimicrobial resistance - [Information for patients and consumers](#)**.
- [Summary of a systematic literature review](#) - “Evidence of hand hygiene to reduce transmission and infections by multi-drug resistant organisms in health-care settings”.
- [New England Journal of Medicine, Hand Hygiene Video](#) now available in many languages to help teach the WHO 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene all over the world!

Launch of other related documents:

- On 30 April 2014 – The WHO “[Antimicrobial resistance: Global report on surveillance 2014](#)” has been launched with WHO gathering support and appreciation throughout the world and massive media reach. An **Information Session** on the AMR report with an expert panel will be webcasted by WHO on Wednesday 7 May at 13:00-14:30h CET. Find more information [here](#).
- 5 May 2014 – The ECDC “**Healthcare-associated infection and antibiotic use in European long-term care facilities**” report and the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Long-Term Care Facilities (HALT) protocol will be [published here](#).

3. SL:CYH registrations – how far have we come?

As of 30 April 2014, we have almost reached **17 000 (16 968) registrations across 170 countries!**

- See the world map and registration numbers [here](#).
- But it doesn’t stop here, help us reach 17 000 by 5 May! Check out the list of countries with no registrations! Please make every possible effort to help us get more health-care facilities registered for the campaign and in new countries!

We still need to spread this global movement! Share the registration call to action with colleagues now.

4. Events, training and information sharing

A new book entitled [Clean Hands Save Lives](#) – look out for this book launched on the occasion of 5 May 2014, with a Foreword written by Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General and Sir Liam Donaldson, WHO Envoy for Patient Safety. It tracks the journey of Prof Pittet and WHO's work to save lives through improved hand hygiene.

[Webber Teleclass on 5 May!](#) - Join Professor Pittet's free 5 May teleclass where lots of new information based on 5 May 2014 activities will be presented.

Social Media – Follow @WHO on Twitter, Facebook and Google Plus and you will see messages go out across the world in the coming days on the importance of hand hygiene – retweet and join the conversation! You can also follow @DidierPittet and @claieekt on Twitter to see their supportive 5 May hand hygiene messages. Find attached "10 tips for 5 May social media (Twitter) messaging "

Good luck with all of your 5 May 2014 activities! Look out for your post 5 May SL:CYHs newsletter!

WHO Clean Care is Safer Care Team

[Previous SL:CYHs newsletters](#) - share with others & track your progress.
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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 Soin Propre est un Soin 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.