

WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

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Dear Colleagues,

The run towards 5 May 2013 is reaching the last stages! Yet, we have still more ideas and tools to offer you and support your efforts to respond to the WHO call to action for this year about ***hand hygiene monitoring and feedback*** and ***patient participation in hand hygiene promotion***! In this newsletter you will find the latest news! We encourage you to keep checking our web site and to refer to national/sub-national campaigns, if any, in your country, to feed into your plans! We have heard that many campaigns are getting ready for 5 May with national initiatives!

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1. Updated registration numbers and our goal for 5 May 2013

See our [web site](#) about the dates for celebrations around May 2013!

The updated numbers of facilities registered for **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands**, as of 11 March 2013, are the following: **15 423 facilities** from **161 countries**, corresponding to more than **3.8 mio beds** and almost **9 mio health-care workers***.

We still need a lot of help to achieve our goal for 5 May 2013!

By 5 May 2013, please help us achieve new registrations from at least 5 new countries that have NO facilities yet registered, especially in the

African Region, and to increase registrations in countries with low numbers!

See the list of countries with NO registrations or low numbers [here](#) and encourage new facilities [to register!](#)

2. Remember that patients have a voice too!

We have been informed that many national campaigns have picked up on our call and are getting ready to celebrate 5 May with a special focus on patient participation in hand hygiene promotion! This is fantastic! If you are not aware, see if there is a campaign in your country and seek information about national support, activities and plans for 5 May celebrations! Among WHO tools posted on the WHO [web page](#) dedicated to patient participation in hand hygiene promotion, we would like to highlight the document entitled **“Guidance on Engaging Patients and Patient Organizations in Hand Hygiene Initiatives”**. This is very comprehensive guidance to understand patient empowerment, to facilitate ownership and shared responsibilities, and to develop your programme taking into account your local context. We believe that this document could help you a lot!

This month we are also pleased to offer you a **NEW TOOL** called **“[Tips for implementing a successful patient participation programme](#)”**. It has been developed thanks to the experienced advice and input of reknown experts on this topic: Dr Maryanne McGuckin (McGuckin Methods International, USA) and Dr Yves Longtin (University of Quebec, Canada). We hope that it represents an easy checklist for you to identify and implement essential elements in your patient participation programme! This document also highlights a list of papers providing good examples of patient participation programmes, looking at implementation as well as an overview of barriers, solutions and strategies for both HCWs and patient participation/empowerment.

On 6 March, our two experts cited above delivered a very insightful presentation entitled “Patient participation in hand hygiene promotion and improvement – PRO and CONS” within our 2013 Free Teleclass Series on Infection Control, run through Webber Training. The broadcast and slides of this presentation are still available [here](#)!

Remember that you can access an inventory of [videos of patient stories](#) on our web site. If you know of any good videos of patient stories on health care-associated infection and/or patient participation in hand hygiene, please provide us with the link by sending an email to savelives@who.int.

Information about the role that patients can play in achieving more safety in health-care delivery can also be found through the [WHO Patients for Patient Safety Programme](#) pages.

3. *Hand hygiene monitoring and feedback*

Heading to 5 May, use or reuse the [WHO Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment Framework \(HHSAF\)](#) to get a situation analysis and track progress at your facility! After completing the HHSAF, use and adapt the [WHO Template Action Plans](#) to implement your plans for local improvement! Select one action to target for 5 May 2013!

Continue to regularly look at our page dedicated to hand hygiene monitoring and feedback! In April, we will be providing a summary of the scientific literature on the automatic/electronic monitoring of hand hygiene indicators.

4. 2013 Free Teleclass Series on Infection Control

To support our call to action for 5 May 2013 on monitoring and feedback, Dr John Boyce (New Haven, USA) will make a presentation on “Innovation and new indicators in hand hygiene monitoring”. This teleclass will take place on **9 April 2013 at 1.30 pm (NYT)** and will be kindly chaired by Dr Hugo Sax. Go on, [Register now!](#)

5. ICPIC abstract submission deadline approaching!

The **abstract deadline** of the second **International Conference on Prevention and Infection Control (ICPIC)** is only 9 days away, on **22 March 2013!** Please be reminded that submitting a high-quality abstract will be an essential criterion in being selected for travel fellowships and grants for participants from low- and middle/income countries.

Thank you for your on-going commitment and support to WHO for **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands and 5 May!**

Warm regards from the

WHO Patient Safety Programme: Clean Care is Safer Care.

[Previous SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands newsletters](#) can be used to help you develop your own messages to encourage others to take action

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* Note that this number represents the latest update of Save Lives figures. They update data presented in the Newsletters N°43 and 45 which overestimated numbers of health workers due to a workforce calculation error.

Providing WHO information has to be balanced with available resources, both human and financial. The WHO Patient Safety Programme, including the Clean Care is Safer Care team, 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. Le Programme OMS pour la Sécurité des Patients, 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 por la Seguridad del Paciente, 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.