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SAVE LIVES – Clean Your Hands Campaign



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Each year the **WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** campaign aims to maintain a global profile on the importance of hand hygiene in health care and to ‘bring people together’ in support of hand hygiene improvement globally

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ANNUAL GLOBAL
HAND HYGIENE
CAMPAIGN
5 MAY 2009–2023**

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE



**Accelerate
action together**

**SAVE LIVES -
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This year's campaign theme

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Accelerate action together

Together,

we can accelerate action to prevent infections and antimicrobial resistance in health care and build a culture of safety and quality in which hand hygiene improvement is given high priority

Campaign objectives

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- 01** Strengthen and empower communities of actors in health care to accelerate action to improve hand hygiene and infection prevention and control at point of care
 - 02** Foster collaboration and working together of people and organizations towards the common goal of minimizing the risk of infections and the development of antimicrobial resistance in health care

One common goal – let's work together. Now.

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- Hand hygiene is one common goal that can help save a life
- If we **accelerate action together** – hundreds of thousands of lives can be saved across the world – now and in the future
- This year, **WHO puts a special focus on civil society organizations (CSO) and other key partners** and asks them and governments, health care institutions to accelerate hand hygiene actions and prevent infections



Civil society organizations (CSOs)

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Key partners in the 2023 campaign

- For World Hand Hygiene Day 2023, we put CSOs and other key partners (e.g., the Global IPC Network) in focus
- Driven by their passion, values and strong social justice agendas, and often in close proximity to the communities they serve, CSOs and other partners can spearhead and accelerate change at local, national and international levels
- WHO is calling on all CSOs to engage with the campaign and accelerate progress at achieving effective hand hygiene at point of care

Why does this matter? *Clean Hands Save Lives* – the facts



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50%

of health care facilities don't have hand hygiene services at points of care and toilets

3.85 billion

people visiting health care facilities don't have access to basic hygiene services

- Lack of hand hygiene in health care facilities can cause infections, avoidable treatment and even death
- Consistent commitment to improving hand hygiene by health and care workers could reduce the spread of infectious diseases in health care settings by up to 50%
- Hand hygiene using alcohol-based hand sanitizers or soap and water stops the spread of infection and keeps people safe

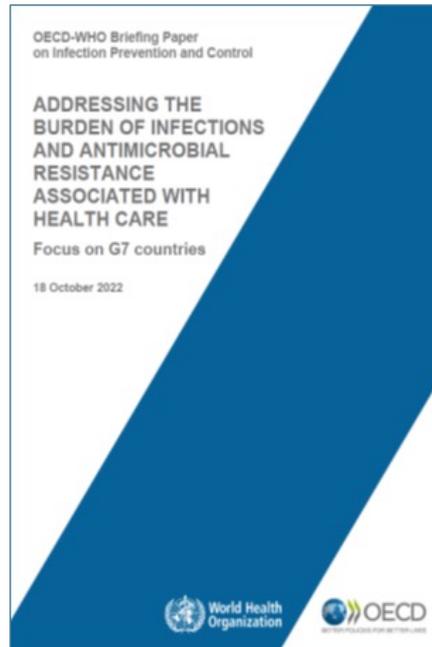
Why clean hands matter?

Read the latest *Facts and Figures*

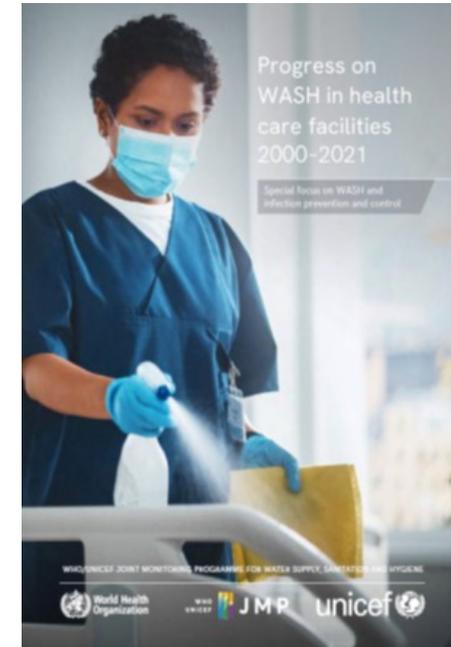
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<https://www.oecd.org/health/health-systems/antimicrobial-resistance.htm>



<https://washdata.org/reports/jmp-2022-wash-hcf>



<https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-hand-hygiene-day/2023/key-facts-and-figures>

What can you do to get involved?



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Join the campaign and spread the word

- **Use the materials**
 - Campaign slogan and poster
 - Campaign social media tiles
 - Campaign animation video
- **Support the calls to action**
 - Campaign call to action posters
- **Keep the campaign alive**
 - Take a look at the campaign guide – use the ideas wherever you are!
 - Run local activities and share the details and lessons widely
 - Join WHO on 5 May 2023 for the global WHO World Hand Hygiene Day webinar

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Campaign posters

Main campaign slogan and image – Available in all UN languages



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This year's slogan:

Accelerate action together. *SAVE LIVES – Clean Your Hands*



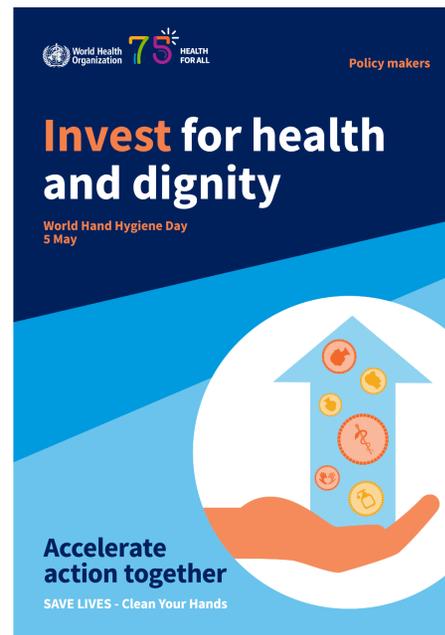
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WHO call to action posters – Available in all UN languages



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This year's call to action posters are available for:

IPC practitioners, Health and care workers, Policy makers and Those who access care

IPC practitioners

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We know you can all – Lead the way for clean hands

- Use all the campaign materials to advocate for hand hygiene action – target policy makers, those who access care and CSOs
- Promote My 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene to health and care workers, including sharing the new My 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene: The Game, and support your colleagues to achieve excellence in hand hygiene
- Run a face-to-face or virtual hand hygiene café in support of World Hand Hygiene Day – **Love the 5 Moments; the café**
- Share the WHO newsletter and other campaign wording with a range of stakeholders



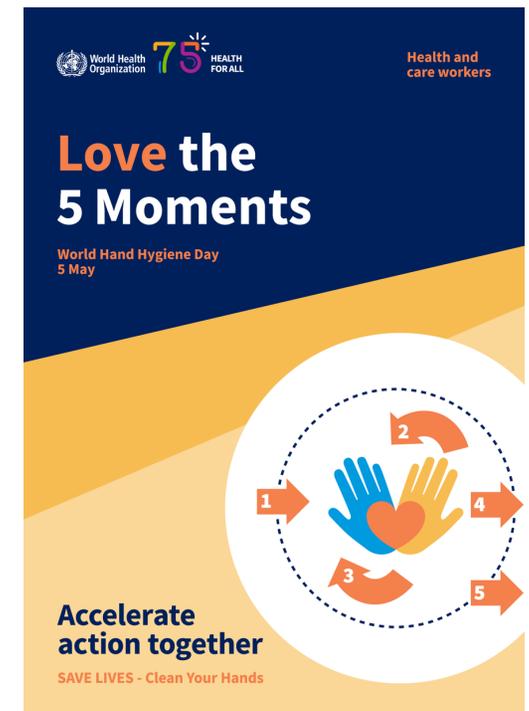
Health and Care Workers

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We ask you to – Love the 5 Moments!

- Practice your 5 moments for hand hygiene every time. It saves lives
- The 5 Moments posters and training materials come in a range of formats for different settings and procedures
- Play the new WHO game “My 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene: The Game”. Support all health and care workers to understand the right times for hand hygiene
- Participate in WHO 5 May global webinar
- Use the poster maker and send your pictures to the campaign wall



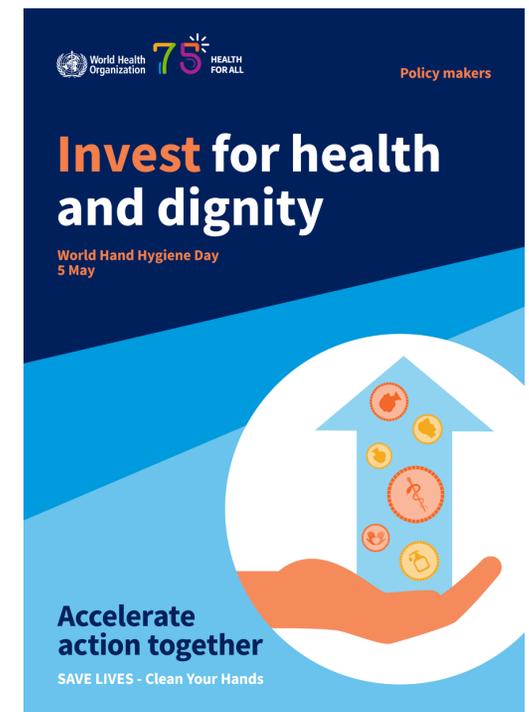
Policy makers

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Now is the time to spread the word far and wide – Invest for health and dignity

- Improve IPC training and education: mandate professional development to ensure knowledge and best practices of hand hygiene in your entire workforce
- Strengthen IPC programmes and infrastructures at national and facility level: commit to making the investments required to improve and maintain hygiene services in your country



Those who access care

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Support everyone to be part of the campaign

– Join the movement

- Being part of the hand hygiene movement helps protect yourself and others from infection through clean hands
- Being interested in your own care and talking to health and care workers, and leaders, about the importance of clean hands can make a difference



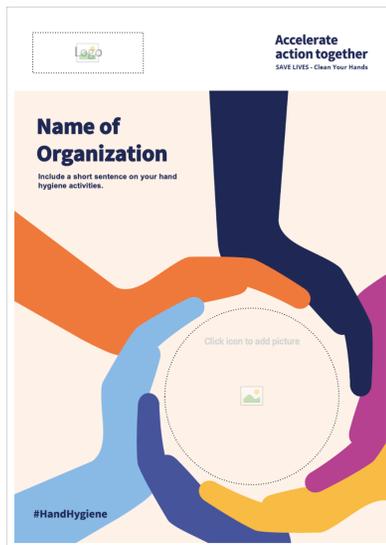
Use the poster maker to create your own poster

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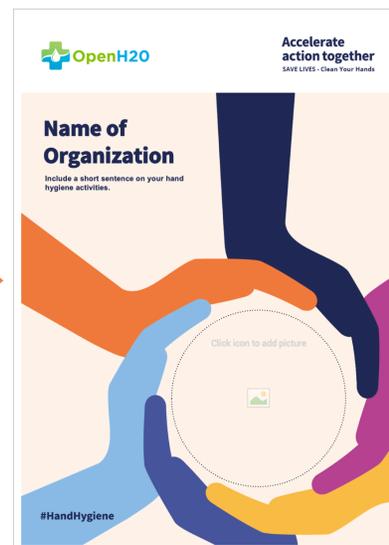


Creating and sharing your own poster with the poster maker is a great way to show your support
Once you've designed your poster, share it on your favourite social media platforms **using #handhygiene**

1. Download



2. Brand



3. Customize



4. Share



 Make sure to tag it with #HandHygiene

Additional campaign assets

Use the campaign animation video

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At only 55 seconds in length, this powerful animation video can be shared across networks, via social media and embedded in presentations to advocate for the need to accelerate hand hygiene action



VIDEO – YOUTUBE

Use the social media assets and spread the word!

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Use the WHO social media messages and tiles to promote hand hygiene on or around 5 May 2023



- Adapt messages to keep the campaign and profile of hand hygiene improvement alive at your local level, including the need for ongoing investment and progress
- Repost WHO messages so that we can evaluate reach
- Use #handhygiene
#cleanhands
#infectionprevention



SOCIAL MEDIA ASSETS

Use the web banner

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Use the campaign web banner on your own website(s) to promote hand hygiene on or around 5 May 2023

Websites that feature the campaign will be acknowledged by WHO



WEB BANNER ASSETS

How leaders and different organizations can engage and accelerate action

- Take a look at the **campaign guide** - use the ideas wherever you are!
- Use the campaign posters and social media tiles.
- Use the new, short campaign animation video – available in vertical social media format for download.
- Use the template email wording.
- Share your campaign activities – stories, care studies, photos and videos ahead of May 5.
- Use the WHO poster maker and show your own local engagement.

<https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-hand-hygiene-day/2023>



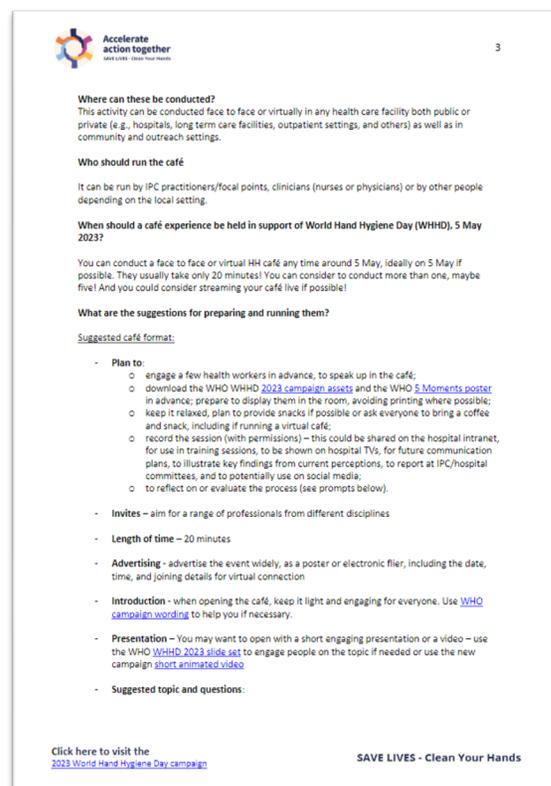
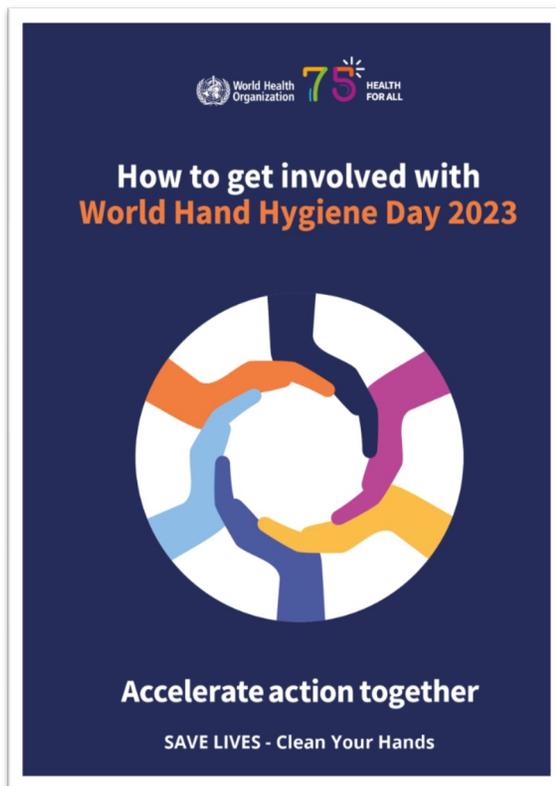
- **The campaign guide contains:**
 - Text for emails to send to your networks
 - Pre-prepared social media messages and tiles
 - Map of existing resources, to the calls to action
 - Q&As/facts and figures

Showcase your campaign!



- Upload the WHHD poster, photo or video and key messages to cleanhandssavelives.org and your preferred social media platforms using the hashtag #handhygiene
- Email us photos and/or stories of staff engaged in hand hygiene activities: savelives@who.int
- Tag us in your posts or one of the following accounts:
 - WHO Facebook: World Health Organization (WHO)
 - Twitter: @WHO
 - Instagram: @WHO
 - LinkedIn: World Health Organization
 - TikTok: @WHO
- Join the WHO Infection prevention and control global [community of practice](https://ipcglobalcommunity.org) (ipcglobalcommunity.org) to share your stories and connect with other IPC colleagues, as well as WHO! This forum offers regular opportunities to network, get updates, discuss new ideas and discussion.

The 5 Moments café



- 20 minutes, face to face or virtual
- Engage a few health workers in advance, to speak up in the café
- Download the campaign assets
- Start with a short engaging presentation or a video
- repeat the words that relate to each of the moments
- Highlight that the 5 Moments posters come in a range of formats for different settings and procedures
- Share perceptions and challenges in applying the moments
- Explain the benefits

Case Study

Template

- Civil society and other stakeholders' collaborations can take on many forms, are often task orientated and driven by people with a common interest.
- Greater levels of social connectedness mean a greater chance of improvement.
- Share your story to showcase collaboration!

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What are the benefits of xx-civil society collaboration?

Template for country/health facility stories

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Examples of collaboration can include:

- Co-creation or adaptation of messages and materials
- Unity in cascade messaging (existing WHO materials will be helpful).
- Providing a dedicated 'platform' to showcase existing and proposed hand hygiene activities and promote long term action
- Organising collaborative events, community discussions, facilitating protected spaces for open discussion and lessons identified for how to move forward to achieve improvements, for example, the objective can be to raise awareness on infection prevention and patient and health worker safety and the roles people can play.

Provide your story on collaboration! Approx. 300 words.

Name of country/health care facility:

Names of the organizations involved:

Where the collaborations took place, e.g., a district:

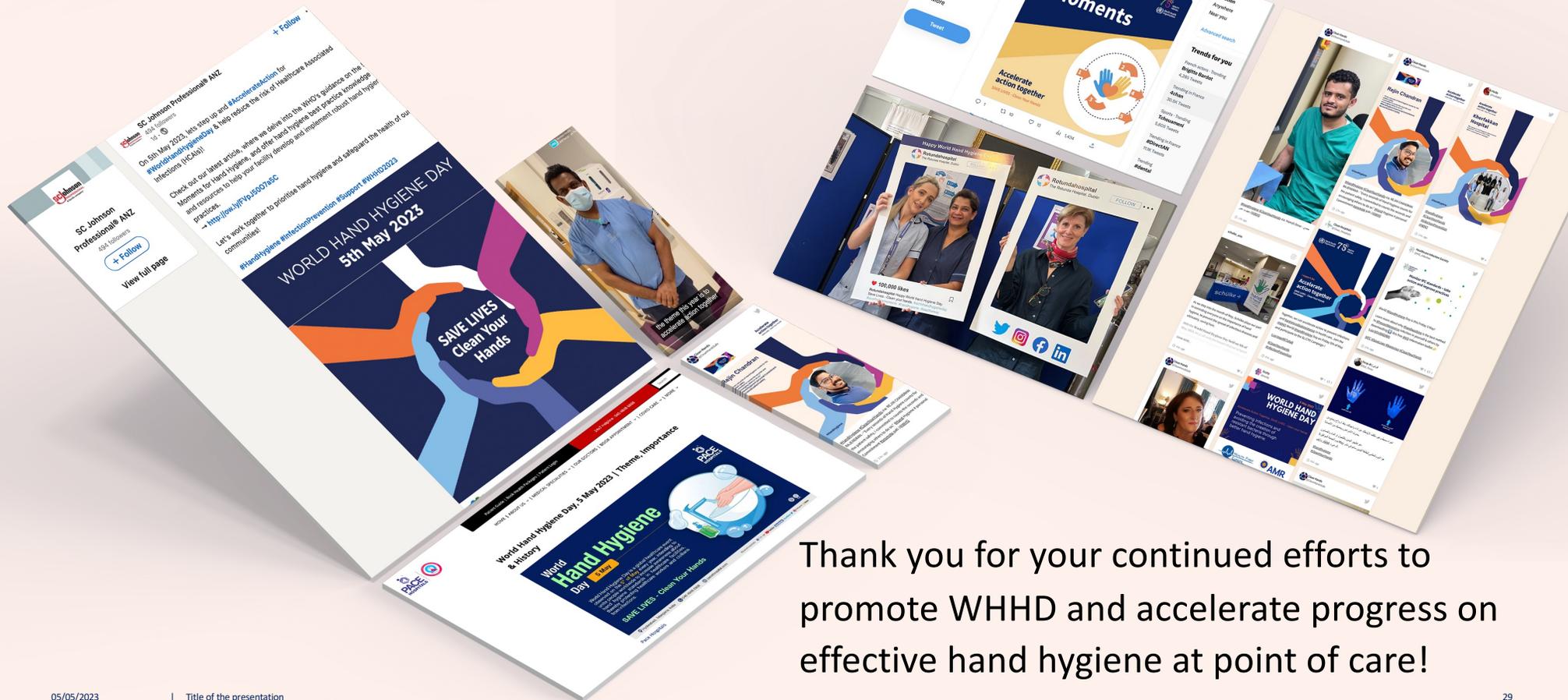
When the collaborations took/are taking place:

[Click here to visit the 2023 World Hand Hygiene Day campaign](#) SAVE LIVES - Clean Your Hands

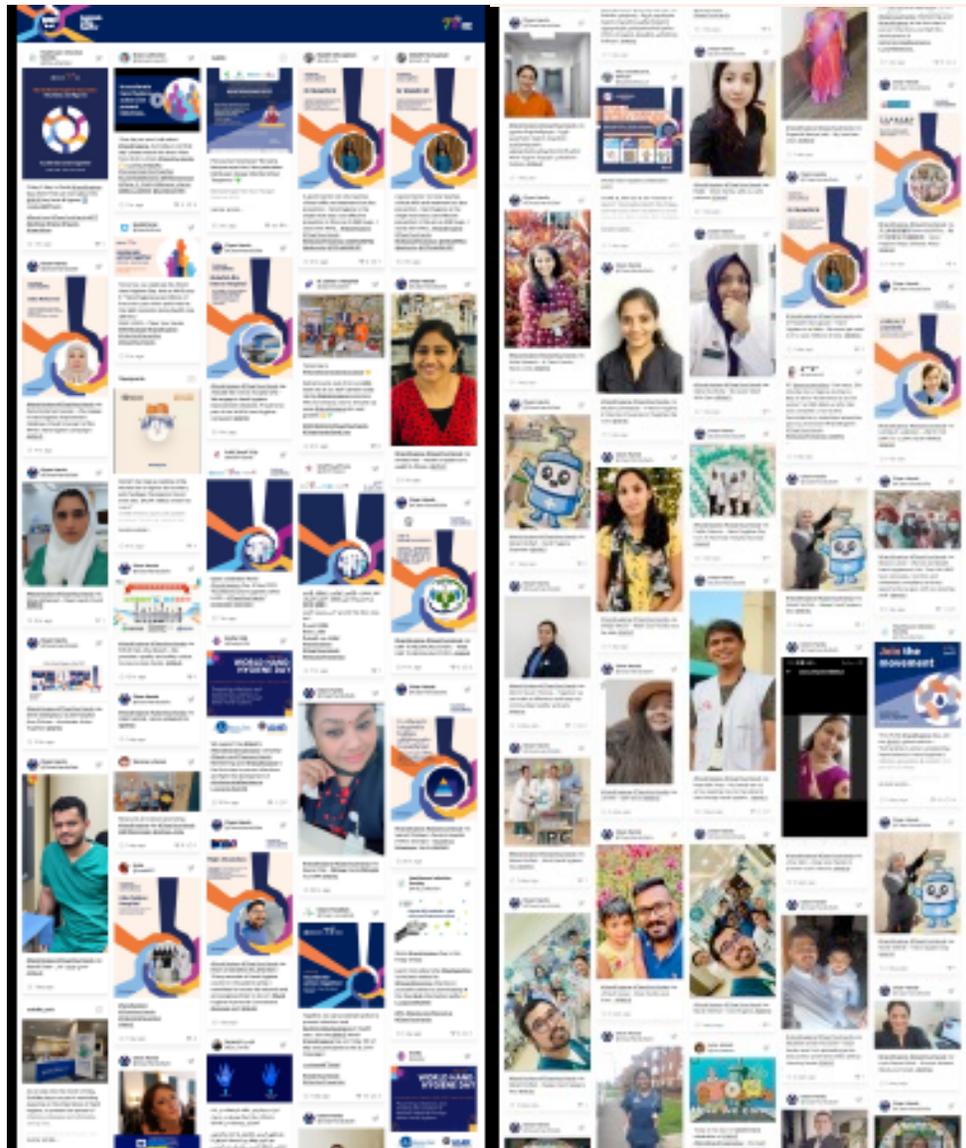
**Promotion by our
stakeholders**

Thank you very much!

Examples of campaigns in action!



Thank you for your continued efforts to promote WHHD and accelerate progress on effective hand hygiene at point of care!



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<https://5may.cleanhandssavelives.org/wall-2023/>

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Every year on May 5th - symbolic of the five fingers of each hand - the WHO points out the importance of hand hygiene in healthcare.

Hygienic hand disinfection prevents countless infections in health care and thus saves human lives. Carried out correctly and at the right moments, it prevents the transmission of infectious agents through the hands, breaks chains of infection, thereby also reducing the use of antibiotics and counteracts the development of resistant germs. Hand hygiene protects not only the people to be cared for from infection, but also the healthcare workers themselves.

The RKI provides comprehensive information on the topic of hand disinfection for medical and nursing staff, including the current recommendations of the Commission for Hospital Hygiene and Infection Prevention (KRINKO).

Further Information

- World Hand Hygiene Day at WHO
- Commission for Hospital Hygiene and Infection Prevention (KRINKO)

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World Hand Hygiene Day – May 5th

According to the World Health Organisation, hand hygiene saves millions of lives every year when performed at the right moments during health care delivery. We need to accelerate implementation of the lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic and increase investments to close gaps in infection prevention and control, including hand hygiene.

All doctors and staff at Stirling Central Health Clinic maintain their education and skills in Hand Hygiene on an annual basis as a strategy in the prevention of health care associated infections and the transmission of antimicrobial resistance.

For more information, click [here](#)

CLINIC HOURS	
Monday - Friday	8:00 - 18:00
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00
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CLINIC LOCATION

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World Hand Hygiene Day 5 May

World Hand Hygiene Day is a global healthcare event observed on the 5th of May every year, intending to unite people worldwide to increase awareness about hand hygiene standards in healthcare facilities, thereby protecting healthcare workers and civilians from infections.

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Safe care starts with good hand hygiene practice

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Together, We Can Accelerate Action in Improving Hand Hygiene

4/26/2023
By Jim Abogatz, Ph.D.
Hygiene Sciences and Public Health Advancements Vice President, GOJO Industries

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As World Hand Hygiene Day approaches on May 5th, we join hospitals around the globe and the World Health Organization (WHO) in raising awareness about the importance of hand hygiene. Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (ABHS) frequently at key moments and washing with soap and water when hands are visibly soiled or contaminated are key steps in any infection prevention program. Public health organizations all over the world join in this celebration, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Canada.

Experts globally, from the WHO to the CDC, strongly agree that promoting – and practicing – good hand hygiene is an incredibly effective way to reduce germs that may cause illness. Hand hygiene is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs that cause disease. Good hand hygiene practice is a key step in any infection prevention program.

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It's almost World Hand Hygiene Day and we are excited to share our white paper on Hand hygiene.

Written by Peter Teske, Our Global Infection Prevention Application Expert, this white paper provides recommendations for hand hygiene in low, medium and higher risk commercial settings, like commercial food or healthcare facilities.

Together, we can create a healthier and safer world!

<http://ow.ly/ytua5004NH>

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Washing your hands is still a good idea, even if COVID-19 is less of a threat, experts say.

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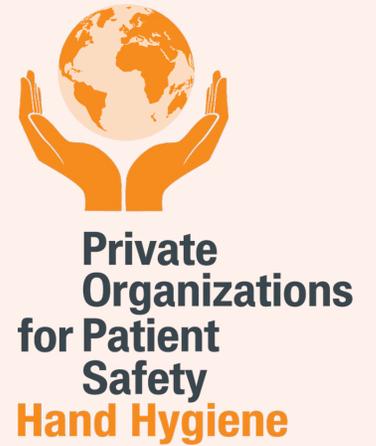
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Hand hygiene saves **millions**
of lives every year when
performed at the right times
in health care
to **keep everyone safe**



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Thursday 25 May 2023



Abstract submission deadline



Early bird fee deadline





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Unique opportunity to allow investigators and participants at ICPIC to participate in a forum which brings together thought leaders in the area of innovations in the practice of infection control and prevention of antimicrobial resistance.

- Pre-selection of top innovative projects from submitted abstracts
- International Jury of Expert
- 1st prize of CHF 10,000





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New tools issued today, 5 May 2023!

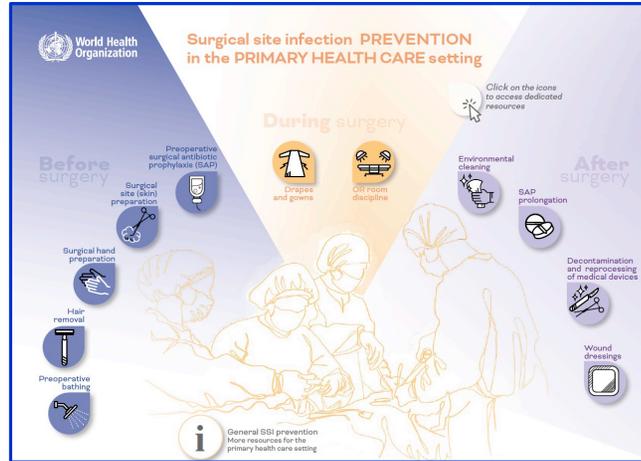
The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Technical and Clinical Hub team provides technical leadership and coordination of the IPC work at WHO headquarters, including through the IPC Taskforce. It also coordinates the work on equity. The IPC Hub is housed within the Integrated Health Services (IHS) department in the Universal Health Coverage and Life Course division and works jointly with the IPC team in the WHO's Health Emergencies (WHE) division and the AMR Division. The IPC Hub team, along with the IPC WHE team, co-leads the IPC pillar of the WHO response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Basic IPC and primary care

Effective IPC measures and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in health care facilities are the foundation of quality care. This is particularly important in primary care which is often the first point of entry of a patient into the health system. WHO is accelerating its efforts to support countries to prevent health care-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance (AMR), including outbreaks, in primary care. A range of guidance and implementation resources is available for improving basic IPC practices and new ones are specific for primary care. Further resources are available in the hand hygiene and infection safety web pages.

Guidelines and evidence

- 17 September 2021: **Strengthening infection prevention and control in primary care** [Download] [Read More]
- 3 May 2021: **Resource considerations for investing in hand hygiene improvement in health care facilities** [Download] [Read More]
- 16 December 2019: **Operational Framework for Primary Health Care** [Download] [Read More]



Assessment tool on infection prevention and control minimum requirements for primary health care facilities

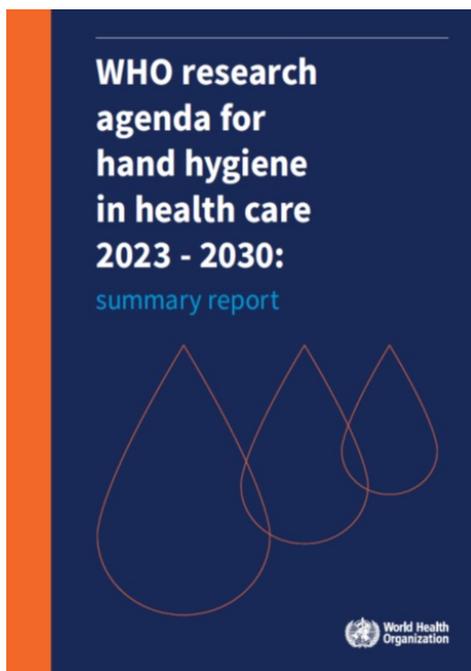
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WHO research agenda for hand hygiene in health care 2023 - 2030: summary report

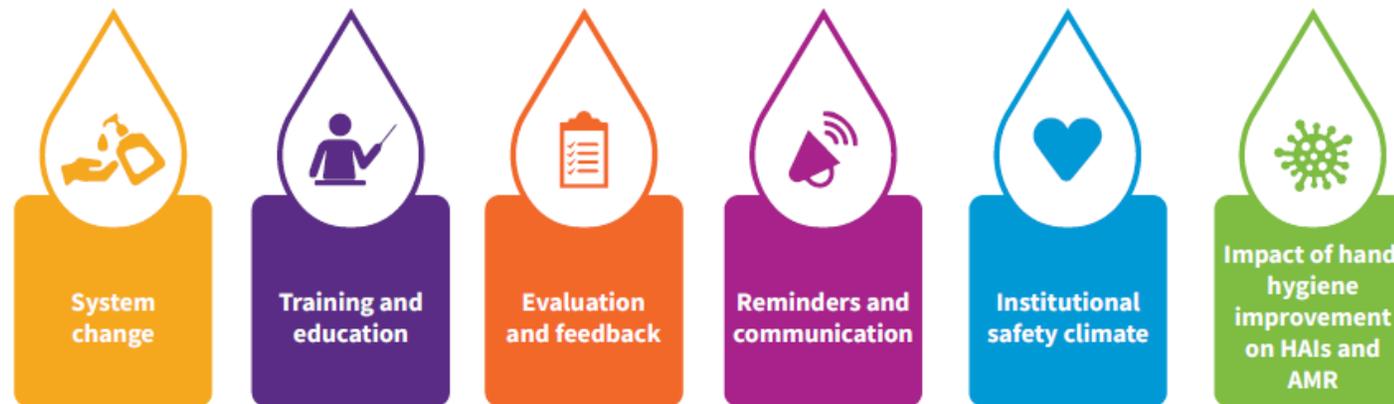
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New summary of the WHO hand hygiene research agenda priorities



- Developed over the last two years through a consultative process including a large group of experts and implementers from around the world, using a rigorous methodology based on available evidence
- Main goal: to accelerate knowledge generation about the best interventions to improve practices
- The Summary provides guidance on the **highest** priorities for hand hygiene research
- Useful tool for researchers and donors to direct their investments to areas of hand hygiene research that still have significant gaps
- Beneficial to direct policy makers and implementers towards the most effective and cost-effective interventions

Fig. 1. Six core hand hygiene domains



HAIs: health care-associated infections; AMR: antimicrobial resistance.

Delphi 1	System change
Delphi 2	Training and education*
Delphi 3	Evaluation and feedback
Delphi 4	Reminders and communication*
Delphi 5	Institutional safety climate
Delphi 6	Impact of hand hygiene improvement on HAIs and AMR

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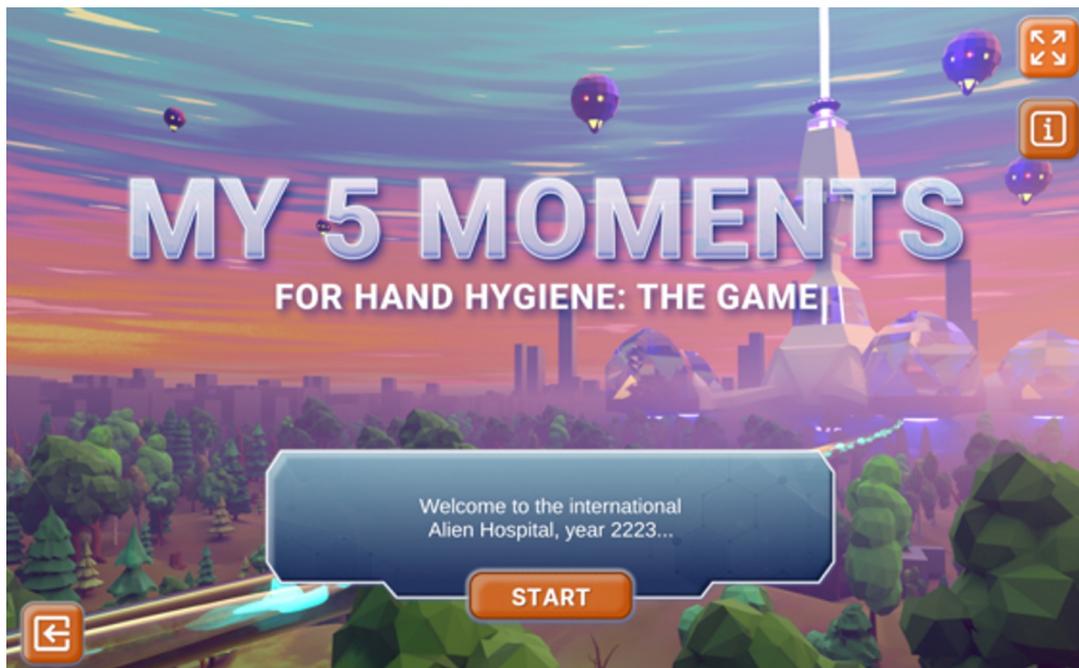
*Delphi 2 and Delphi 4 were combined together.

Highest hand hygiene research priorities by domain



D: domain; HAIs: health care-associated infections; HH: hand hygiene; HCF: health care facility.

New WHO "My 5 Moments: The Game"



- Compassionate serious game designed to keep patients and health workers safe by improving hand hygiene practices
- Set 200 years in the future, at the International Alien Hospital, you will work as a health care professional to help patients stranded on earth, by doing hand hygiene at the right moments
- 3 modules released for game-play testing among a selected community of users

Primary health care (PHC) is the entry point to the health care system

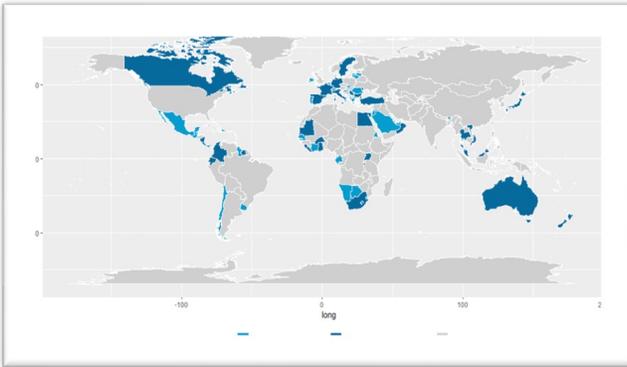


IPC plays a key role in making PHC safer in at least two ways:

1. Preventing the spread of infections and AMR at the first point of entry of the patient journey into the health system (i.e., PHC)

2. Preventing spread of health care-associated infection (HAI) and AMR within and from tertiary and secondary care facilities to the community and PHC facilities, and avoiding infectious complications that unnecessarily burden rehabilitative and palliative outpatient or long-term care

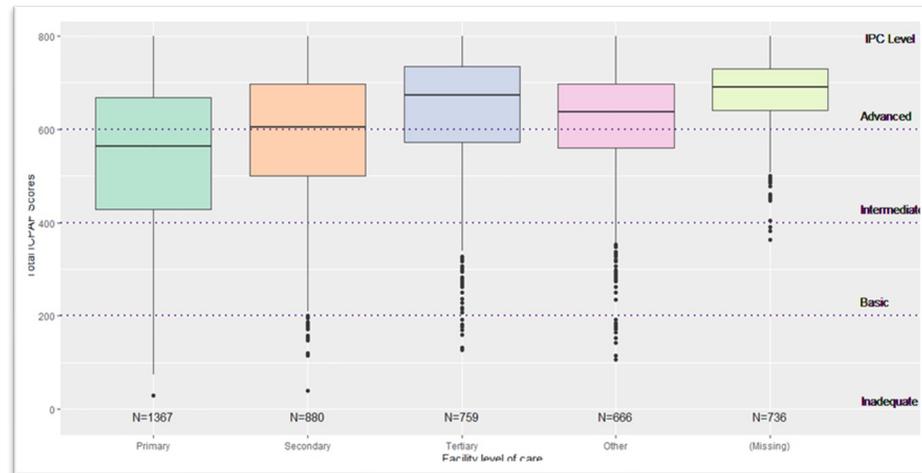
WHO 2019 Global Survey using IPC Assessment Framework at Facility Level: 4440 facilities from 81 countries



IPCAF weighted average score: 605
(IQR: 450.4-705)

- advanced IPCAF level (50.7%)
- intermediate IPCAF level (29.8%)
- basic IPCAF level (17.5%)
- inadequate IPCAF level (2%)

- **PRIMARY CARE: 601 (435-699.4)**
 - **SECONDARY CARE : 562.5 (462.5-657.5)**
 - **TERTIARY CARE : 660 (515-727.5)**
 - **OTHER: 712.5 (637.5-762.5)**
- The average score was significantly higher in tertiary than in primary care facilities in the weighted multivariable regression analysis
 - **0%** of the facilities met all IPC minimum requirements in LICs; **only 26%** of PHC facilities in HICs.

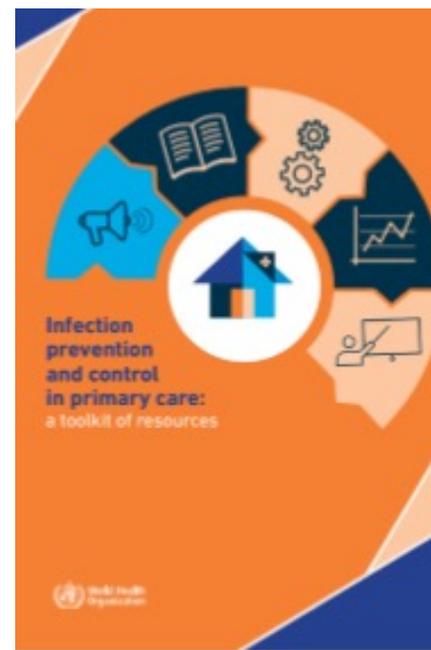


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IPC in Primary Care: A collection of existing standards, measurement and implementation resources



<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240035249>



<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240037304>

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Standard precautions

Standard precautions for the prevention and control of infections

Background
Standard precautions aim to protect both health workers and patients by reducing the risk of transmission of microorganisms from both regulated and unregulated sources.

Key elements of standard precautions include:
- Hand hygiene
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette
- Environmental and environmental cleaning
- Safe injection and sharps practices
- Safe handling of linens and laundry
- Safe handling of waste
- Patient placement
- Safe transport and handling of reusable patient care items and equipment.

Important advice for implementation
- Health workers should be early recognizers and implementers of standard precautions.
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Risk assessment
- Each health worker should be early recognizers and implementers of standard precautions.
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World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-UHL-IHS-IPC-2022.1>

Decontamination & sterilization

Decontamination and reprocessing of medical devices for health-care facilities

Background
Decontamination of medical devices plays an important role in the prevention of health-care-associated infections (HCAIs). Cleaning, disinfection and sterilization are the processes used to decontaminate and reprocess medical devices.

Important information
- Decontamination is the process of removing soil and pathogens from equipment and surfaces.
- Disinfection is the process of killing or inactivating microorganisms on surfaces.
- Sterilization is the process of destroying or removing all microorganisms, including spores.

High risk (critical)	Medium risk (semi-critical)	Low risk (non-critical)
Medical devices that are in contact with mucous membranes or enter sterile sites.	Medical devices that come into contact with intact skin or mucous membranes.	Medical devices that come into contact with intact skin.
High-level disinfection	Intermediate-level disinfection	Low-level disinfection
Surgical instruments, delivery sets, dental instruments	Respiratory and anaesthetic equipment, reusable rigid bronchoscopes	Bedpans, commodes, stethoscopes, thermometers, and other non-critical devices

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-UHL-IHS-IPC-2022.4>

Transmission-based precautions

Transmission-based precautions for the prevention and control of infections

Background
Transmission-based precautions are used in addition to standard precautions to prevent the spread of infections caused by organisms that are not covered by standard precautions.

Key elements of transmission-based precautions include:
- Contact precautions
- Droplet precautions
- Airborne precautions

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<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-UHL-IHS-IPC-2022.2>

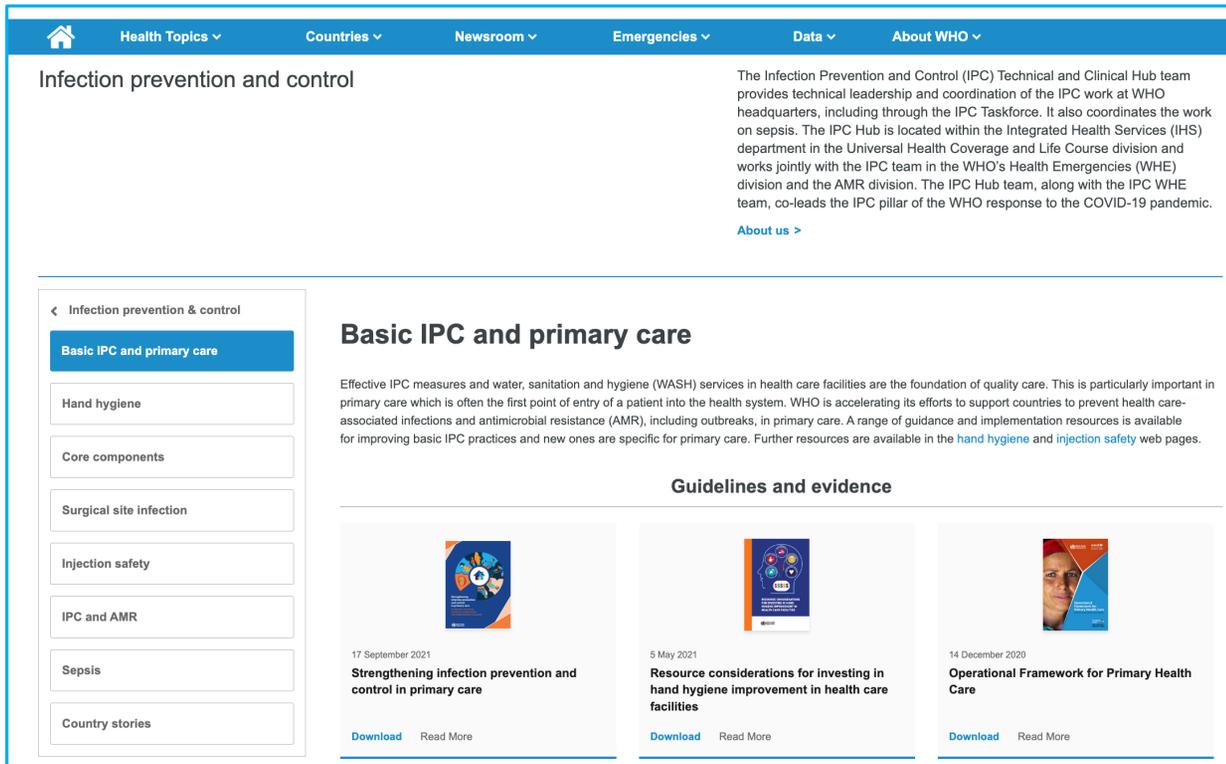


About the Infection Prevention and Control Course Series

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) is a major challenge for health care systems across the world. There is an important opportunity to reduce avoidable morbidity and mortality through improvements to IPC, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://openwho.org/channels/ipc>

New web page dedicated to **basic IPC and PHC**



The screenshot shows a web page with a blue navigation bar at the top containing: Home, Health Topics, Countries, Newsroom, Emergencies, Data, and About WHO. The main heading is "Infection prevention and control". A text block on the right describes the IPC Technical and Clinical Hub team's role. Below this is a sidebar with a "Basic IPC and primary care" button and other categories like Hand hygiene, Core components, Surgical site infection, Injection safety, IPC and AMR, Sepsis, and Country stories. The main content area features a "Basic IPC and primary care" section with an introductory paragraph and a "Guidelines and evidence" section with three featured articles, each with a cover image, date, title, and "Download" and "Read More" links.

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Infection prevention and control

The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Technical and Clinical Hub team provides technical leadership and coordination of the IPC work at WHO headquarters, including through the IPC Taskforce. It also coordinates the work on sepsis. The IPC Hub is located within the Integrated Health Services (IHS) department in the Universal Health Coverage and Life Course division and works jointly with the IPC team in the WHO's Health Emergencies (WHE) division and the AMR division. The IPC Hub team, along with the IPC WHE team, co-leads the IPC pillar of the WHO response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Basic IPC and primary care

Effective IPC measures and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in health care facilities are the foundation of quality care. This is particularly important in primary care which is often the first point of entry of a patient into the health system. WHO is accelerating its efforts to support countries to prevent health care-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance (AMR), including outbreaks, in primary care. A range of guidance and implementation resources is available for improving basic IPC practices and new ones are specific for primary care. Further resources are available in the [hand hygiene](#) and [injection safety](#) web pages.

Guidelines and evidence



17 September 2021
Strengthening infection prevention and control in primary care
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5 May 2021
Resource considerations for investing in hand hygiene improvement in health care facilities
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14 December 2020
Operational Framework for Primary Health Care
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New IPC assessment tool for primary care facilities



This tool will assist primary care facilities to assess their level of implementation of the WHO minimum requirements for IPC and to identify those that still need to be achieved or improved.

<https://www.who.int/teams/integrated-health-services/infection-prevention-control/basic-ipc-and-primary-care>

New infographic on the prevention of surgical site infection in primary care settings



- A practical and intuitive infographic and inventory document
- Created to facilitate the access to all available WHO resources on the prevention of surgical site infection that can be most useful in primary care settings.

<https://www.who.int/multi-media/details/surgical-site-infection-prevention-in-the-primary-health-care-setting>



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IMPACT OF ANTIMICROBIALS ON THE MICROBIOME AND RESISTOME - FAR REACHING CONSEQUENCES FOR IPC

Speaker: **Prof. Shaheen Mehtar**, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town

May 18, 2023

NON-CATHETER-ASSOCIATED URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS

Speaker: **Cindy Hou**, Jefferson Health, New Jersey

May 29, 2023

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Speaker: **Dr. Steven Taylor**, University of British Columbia

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Speaker: **Dr. Bonnie Henry**, Province of British Columbia, Victoria BC

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