

WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands
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Dear Colleagues,

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SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands registration numbers

Health-care facility registrations continue to rise even after 5 May, the total is now 13 527.

Do you think your region and [country](#) could still do better to [demonstrate commitment](#)? Help us to keep the profile of clean hands alive through our global campaign which is still growing thanks to all your efforts.

WHO Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment Framework Global Survey update

This Global Survey was launched on 5 April and data submission from health-care facilities completing the WHO Framework has been extended until 31 July. All health-care facilities registered for **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** should have received the invitation to participate with instructions. Facilities involved in hand hygiene campaigns in Australia, France, Italy, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom have already submitted their data. Be part of this survey by [submitting your health-care facility's results online](#) and help WHO to assess progress of hand hygiene improvement around the world! Enquiries should be sent to WHOframework.survey@who.int

Thank you for your participation!

Local activities in support of SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

An enormous thank you again goes to everyone who has sent in their images, stories and videos from 5 May 2011 activities; this information is useful for WHO presentations, in describing the range of activities that go on. Those sent in clearly portray the energy dedicated to improving hand hygiene year on year.

The [WHO web page](#) listing web sites which feature information on WHO **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** is also a useful way to profile your activities. We hope that descriptions of supporting activities will remain on your web pages throughout the year to keep the energy and commitment to every 5 May alive. If your web pages feature **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** send the link to savelives@who.int or if you would like standard wording on this global campaign to help you build a feature on your web pages email us at savelives@who.int

Remember that the WHO web pages provide a range of [tools](#) to help in improvement efforts every day of the year, for example, use our [hand hygiene publications](#) if the evidence base for hand hygiene to reduce health care-associated infection is being questioned.

Update on countries running coordinated hand hygiene campaigns

If you are interested in learning more about countries who are running coordinated campaigns WHO features information dedicated to [WHO CleanHandsNet](#). Over the course of this year new countries have come on board with this network and the next issue of the *CleanHandsNet* newsletter will detail more on their activities.

Infection prevention and control events around the globe

Infection prevention and control events take place around the globe regularly. WHO Clean Care is Safer Care is featured at many of these and forthcoming dates are on our [web pages](#).

- This month sees the First International Conference on Prevention & Infection Control (ICPIC) on 29 June - 2 July 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland - a global conference which provides a platform to share knowledge and experience in health care-associated prevention and control of antimicrobial resistance. [More information](#)
- [IPCAN](#) is another annual conference (being held 31 Oct - 2 Nov in Namibia) where you might want to showcase your activities; **the deadline for abstracts is 25 July**. Early bird registration fees run until 15 August

Free WHO infection control teleclasses

For those who cannot attend events, the free WHO [infection control teleclasses](#) provide a great opportunity. The next WHO teleclass is on 21/06/11 at 1:30 pm (Sydney time) and is '*Establishing an infection control programme for acute respiratory infections and ensuring pandemic preparedness*' by H.W. Seto. Live and recorded teleclasses are often also available from conference lectures when you can't attend.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment. You are our main contacts and we very much appreciate you continuing to spread the message on the importance of hand hygiene; send this message to 5 of your contacts today!

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On behalf of WHO Patient Safety: 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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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. Regrettably, 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 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 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.