

## WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

SL: CYH Newsletter

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*Dear Colleagues,*

First of all, very best wishes for 2013! We wish you, your families and your patients peace, health and progress throughout this year!

The coming months will see our next steps towards 5 May 2013! Remember the WHO call to action this year is about ***hand hygiene monitoring and feedback as well as patient participation in hand hygiene promotion!*** Our team will progressively deliver support to help you focus on these topics and support your plans for 5 May celebrations and activities! We encourage you to look out for the next **SL: CYH** Newsletters and to keep checking our web site and to refer to national/sub-national campaigns, if any, in your country, to feed into your plans!

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**5 May 2013:** our goal for new registrations

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### 1. 5 May 2013

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

**Heading towards 5 May, please continue to encourage other facilities [to register](#) for SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands to be part of this global initiative and to celebrate 5 May 2013!**

We aim to gather new health-care settings joining especially from countries that have LOW or NO registrations. As of 15 January 2013, the total number was **15 304 facilities** from **161 countries**, corresponding to more than **3.8 mio beds** and **13 mio health-care workers**. Only **39 countries** have no registrations yet! **Please help us achieve new registrations from at least 5 new countries by 5 May 2013, especially in the African Region, and to increase registrations in countries with low numbers!**

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## 2. *Remember that your patients have a voice too!*

**Patient participation in hand hygiene promotion** is one of the focuses that we propose for 5 May 2013! To support your activities in this field, we are launching today a **new [web page](#)** on this topic where you will find general information, our tools and an inventory of videos of existing patient stories on health care-associated infection and patient participation in hand hygiene! Many health-care settings around the world have implemented patient participation programmes and experienced the great added value as well as the challenges. We are currently conducting a survey among these facilities and we hope to make the results available soon for you to get inspired and benefit from the lessons learned.

We will also compile a document summarizing the evidence about patient participation/empowerment in hand hygiene promotion and provide a list of interesting publications.

Do check out this new web page over the coming months! If you know of any good videos of patient stories on health care-associated infection and patient participation in hand hygiene, please send us the link by sending an email to [savelives@who.int](mailto:savelives@who.int).

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

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## 3. *Hand hygiene monitoring and feedback*

Plan to 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!

Also, use the many tools for evaluation and [feedback](#) available from WHO and select the most suitable indicators for your facility!

We are currently reviewing the literature about the **automatic/electronic monitoring** of hand hygiene compliance. We will summarize the findings and make them available soon to help your evaluation of these systems.

WHO will set up a new web page on hand hygiene monitoring and feedback in February 2013 to help you focus on this important topic. Do look out for it!

### **An exciting project from Hand Hygiene Australia!**

Hand Hygiene Australia (HHA), one of the most active and successful national hand hygiene campaigns, have developed and been using, over the last two years, an **online web-based application for hand hygiene compliance monitoring (HHCApp)**, to facilitate direct observation according to the WHO “My 5 Moments” concept.

**HHA has kindly agreed to make HHCApp freely available for use by other national campaigns or health-care facilities.** To learn more about this opportunity, look at this dedicated web page

**In the context of activities for 5 May 2013, WHO strongly encourages countries and individual health-care facilities to use the HHCApp and participate in the international data collection project launched by HHA.**

Please email [hha@austin.org.au](mailto:hha@austin.org.au) to participate!

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4. **Hits from the 2012 Free Teleclass Series on Infection Control and first new date for the 2013 Series**

We are pleased to let you know that the WHO 2012 Teleclass Series were very popular! Live attendees ranged from 300 to 4900 in one teleclass! The on-line recordings and/or slides of the 5 May teleclass by Prof Pittet were accessed 13 100 times! Remember, teleclass recordings from 2012 can still be accessed [here](#)

See the new [schedule](#) for 2013!

The first 2013 teleclass will take place on **6 February 2013 at 2.30 pm (CET)**: Dr B. Allegranzi, from WHO HQ, will present on “Improving the patient safety culture as a successful component of infection control strategies”. Go on, [Register now!](#)

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5. **Educational events in 2013**

We would like to remind you again:

- The Workshop sponsored by ESCMID entitled ["Prevention and clinical management of health care-associated infections in "real" life - a patient-centered perspective"](#). The workshop will be organized by the University of Geneva Hospitals-WHO Collaborating Center on Patient Safety along with the University of Tübingen in Germany, and will take place in Geneva from 25 to 27 February 2013. **Grant [applications](#) are still possible until 25 January!** Consider registering for this event!
- The second **International Conference on Prevention and Infection Control (ICPIC)** will be held in Geneva from 25 to 28 June 2013. Submit your abstract for this up to **22 March 2013!**

Thank you for your ongoing 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.