



## World Health Organization Global Webinar Series

Join us to celebrate  
**World Hand Hygiene Day**  
**Thursday, 5 May 2022**

*13:30-15:00 CET | 7.30am EST, 12.30pm BST, 1.30pm CEST, 5pm IST, 7.30pm PHT*

**Outline:** When people seek health care, they are hoping to get better. Too often, however, they end up getting a new, avoidable infection – which is often resistant to antimicrobials and can sometimes even be fatal. When a health facility’s “quality and safety climate or culture” values hand hygiene and infection prevention and control (IPC), this results in both patients and health workers feeling protected and cared for.

That is why the **World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD) theme for 2022** is a “**health care quality and safety climate or culture**” that values hand hygiene and IPC, and the **slogan** is “**Unite for safety: clean your hands**”.

This webinar will bring together experts from WHO and from academic institutions and leaders from the field to discuss how a strong institutional quality and safety climate or culture that values hand hygiene and IPC is a critical element of effective strategies to reduce the spread of infection and antimicrobial resistance. New evidence on this as well as priorities for research in this area identified by WHO will be presented. With the help of a facilitator, participants will have the unique opportunity to dialogue with the expert panel and bring their experiences. The webinar will also be the exceptional moment for the launch of the first WHO global report on IPC.

Now is the time to unite by talking about and working together on an institutional safety climate that believes in hand hygiene for IPC and high-quality, safe care!



## Objectives

1. To overview the new WHO hand hygiene research agenda and evidence on the role of a health care quality and safety climate or culture for hand hygiene improvement
2. To describe a range of experiences regarding the evidence for and efforts to support a health care quality culture and safety climate through clean hands and IPC programmes of work
3. To launch the first WHO global report on IPC

Speakers, panellists and participants from WHO and different countries will debate how and why we should all unite for safety by addressing hand hygiene and IPC in the context of quality and safety and how the hand hygiene agenda can enhance the culture within healthcare.

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*Simultaneous interpretation available in: Spanish, Russian, French, Arabic, and Portuguese  
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<b>Chair:</b> Benedetta Allegranzi, Technical Lead, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Hub and Task Force, Integrated Health Services (IHS), UHC/Life Course, WHO HQ	
13.30 CEST	<b>Instructions for participants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Samantha Nagel, ECHO project, University of New Mexico Health Sciences, USA</li></ul>
13.35 CEST	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Hanan Balkhy, Assistant Director General, Antimicrobial Resistance, WHO HQ</li></ul>
13.40 CEST	<b>New! WHO Global report on IPC</b> Benedetta Allegranzi
13.55 CEST	<b>Poll 1</b>
14.00 CEST	<b>Unite for safety and quality – highlights of the scientific evidence and research agenda</b> Raheelah Ahmed, Global Engagement, School of Health Sciences; Health Management & Leadership, University of London, and Imperial College London, United Kingdom
14.15 CEST	<b>Introduction to the panel by the chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Claire Kilpatrick, IPC Hub and Task Force, Integrated Health Services, UHC/Life Course, WHO HQ</li></ul> <b>Poll 2</b>
14.20 CEST	<b>Panel Q&amp;A - how are teams united in improvement hand hygiene and IPC – what's your culture code?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raheelah Ahmed</li><li>• Joanna Laurent Blaize, Dominica China Friendship Hospital, Dominica</li><li>• Regina Kamoga, Community Health And Information Network (CHAIN), Uganda</li><li>• Didier Pittet, Infection Control Programme and WHO Collaborating Center, University Hospitals of Geneva and Faculty of Medicine, Switzerland</li><li>• Ann Thomas, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), UNICEF</li></ul>
14.55 CEST	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Rudi Eggers, Director, IHS, UHC/Life Course, WHO HQ</li></ul>