

WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY

SAVE LIVES: CLEAN YOUR HANDS

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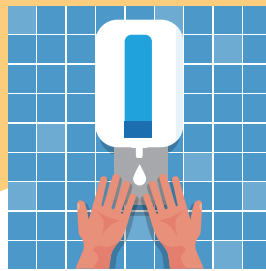
Why is sharing knowledge about hand hygiene still so important?



Because it helps stop the spread of harmful germs in healthcare.



Healthcare associated infections (HAIs) are among the most frequent adverse events occurring in the context of health service delivery 136 million cases of healthcare associated antibiotic resistant infections occur worldwide every year.



Hand hygiene saves millions of lives every year when performed at the right times in healthcare, while across the 34 OECD and EU/EEA countries, investing US\$ 1 in improving hand hygiene in health care settings returns about US\$ 24.6 in economic returns (i.e. both in health expenditure and productivity gains in the broader economy).



Sharing knowledge about hand hygiene and IPC is still so important because it is ultimately a very effective way to stop the spread of harmful germs in healthcare.