

# WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY

SAVE LIVES: CLEAN YOUR HANDS

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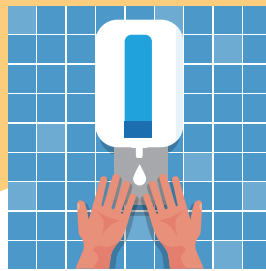
Why is sharing knowledge about hand hygiene still so important?



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.**



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Reference:

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