

POSTER PRESENTATION

Open Access

Clean care is safer care: from a glonal challenge to a WHO patient safety programme

M-N Chraïti^{1,2*}, B Allegranzi², S Bagheri Nejad², C Kilpatrick², E Mathai², D Pittet^{1,2}

From International Conference on Prevention & Infection Control (ICPIC 2011)
Geneva, Switzerland. 29 June – 2 July 2011

Introduction / objectives

The First Global Patient Safety Challenge *Clean Care is Safer Care* (CCiSC) was launched in 2005 and is now a WHO Patient Safety Programme with the aim to prevent a frequent and major adverse event in care delivery?healthcare associated-infection (HCAI).

Methods

Efforts have focused on hand hygiene improvement using a three-pronged approach: 1) raising awareness of HCAI among health professionals and solutions for its prevention; 2) securing political commitment at governmental level to make HCAI prevention a health priority; 3) developing a range of technical tools to support hand hygiene programmes at the facility level, according to the WHO validated multimodal strategy for hand hygiene improvement.

Results

To date, 124 of 147 WHO member states have pledged their support to CCiSC to reduce HCAI. As an extension of the CCiSC work, the *SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands* annual global campaign was launched in 2009. In 2010, over 12,000 healthcare facilities worldwide signed up to the initiative. The accompanying technical toolkit has been widely used and adopted and often adapted to local conditions. In addition, 42 countries worldwide have implemented their own national hand hygiene campaign.

Conclusion

Future plans are to scale up CCiSC to include other areas of infection control with surveillance as the next focus. But efforts will continue to promote actively the

importance of the sustainability of hand hygiene improvement.

Disclosure of interest

None declared.

Author details

¹Infection control programme and WHO Collaborating Center on Patient Safety, University of Geneva Hospitals, Geneva, Switzerland. ²Clean Care is Safer Care, WHO Patient Safety, WHO Headquarter, Geneva, Switzerland.

Published: 29 June 2011

doi:10.1186/1753-6561-5-S6-P260

Cite this article as: Chraïti et al.: Clean care is safer care: from a glonal challenge to a WHO patient safety programme. *BMC Proceedings* 2011 5 (Suppl 6):P260.

**Submit your next manuscript to BioMed Central
and take full advantage of:**

- Convenient online submission
- Thorough peer review
- No space constraints or color figure charges
- Immediate publication on acceptance
- Inclusion in PubMed, CAS, Scopus and Google Scholar
- Research which is freely available for redistribution

Submit your manuscript at
www.biomedcentral.com/submit

