

*In this edition: The challenges of measuring the impact of patient safety interventions*



**Editorial by Sir Liam Donaldson**  
**Measuring the unmeasurable**

In 2000, whilst working as Chief Medical Officer in England's Department of Health, I produced a report that was one of the first of its kind.



**Feature by guest writer Professor Peter Pronovost**  
**Making progress in patient safety**

The field of patient safety is maturing rapidly. Students are being trained, clinicians and researchers are designing interventions...

**Clean Care is Safer Care**

**Indicators for a WHO global annual campaign**

The WHO Clean Care is Safer Care programme is again promoting its global annual campaign, **WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands**. The campaign was launched in 2009 and aims to 'bring people together to improve and sustain hand hygiene every 5 May'.



**African Partnerships for Patient Safety**

**Linking measurement to patient safety action**

African Partnerships for Patient Safety (APPS) is building patient safety partnerships between hospitals in Africa and hospitals in Europe. The programme's three core objectives focus on building patient safety partnerships, supporting patient safety improvements...



**Patients for Patient Safety**

**Measuring the impact of patient engagement on health-care safety**

Patient engagement in health care has gained momentum over recent years, driven primarily from the logical argument that the delivery of any service must take into account the user's needs and perceptions...



**Research and Knowledge Management**

**Measuring the impact of interventions**

Interventions to improve patient safety aim at diminishing the number of harmful incidents that take place during the process of care. To date, the classical methods for measuring harm have relied on medical records and have generally been used in developed countries, where...



**News in Brief**

**Combating AMR: Experiences from the Field**

A book is being produced by WHO Patient Safety for release later in 2011, providing an analysis of the need for and examples of successful interventions in reducing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) across WHO Member States.

**5 May 2011**

To find out the latest total number of health-care facilities registered for the **WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** global annual campaign in support of 5 May 2011, within your own country

**High 5s**

The nine countries of the High 5s Steering Committee met in Berlin, Germany, on 11 and 12 April 2011. The High 5s project is a patient safety collaboration among a group of countries and the WHO Collaborating Centre for Patient Safety in support of the WHO Patient Safety Programme.

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Antimicrobial Resistance: No action today, no cure tomorrow.

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