

In just **two words**, describe  
one of the most effective ways  
to improve global health care  
and **save millions of lives.**

# Clean care.

Health care-associated infections (HAI) affect hundreds of millions of patients worldwide every year. In developed countries, HAI impacts on 5–15% of hospitalized patients. The burden due to HAI in developing countries is likely to be much higher.

**WHO Clean Care is Safer Care** is a global patient safety programme aimed at reducing health care-associated infections. Infection prevention and control with hand hygiene is the solid and essential basis for good health care everywhere and the **WHO Clean Care is Safer Care** programme of work provides a range of support, tools, training and education.

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