

IPC Bulletin for GP Practice Staff

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5th May 2026
World Hand Hygiene Day

Join the 'Action Saves Lives 2026'
campaign to promote hand hygiene
and save lives through clean hands.

SAVE LIVES - Clean Your Hands

To join the campaign and create a poster for your practice access [World Hand Hygiene Day 2026](#)



Approximately 70% of healthcare workers do not routinely practice hand hygiene.

Healthcare associated infections contribute to the antimicrobial resistance burden, cause suffering to patients, families and health workers, premature deaths and disability and higher healthcare costs.

Take action by creating a hand hygiene theme on your infection control noticeboard which highlights the importance for patients washing their hands, especially before eating.



Promote correct hand hygiene practices for all staff. Remember to display the WHO poster 'Your 5 moments of Hand hygiene'.

www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/your-5-moments-for-hand-hygiene-for-general-practice-poster/.

Complete your [Hand hygiene audits](#). Set a target, for example, of 100% compliance of all staff being 'Bare below the elbow' and take action on non-compliance.

A range of hand hygiene resources are available at

www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/?

[filter_keyword=&filter_audience%5B%5D=gp-practices&filter_topic%5B%5D=hand-hygiene](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/?filter_keyword=&filter_audience%5B%5D=gp-practices&filter_topic%5B%5D=hand-hygiene).



What's new:

- IPC training event for General Practice: 5th October, 2026. **BOOK NOW to reserve your place** at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/.
- [General Practice Nurse Network – The Queen's Institute of Community Nursing](#) 10th June, 2026.

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