

“It’s in Your Hands – Prevent Sepsis in Health Care”; 5th May 2018 World Health Organization (WHO) SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands Campaign

“Sağlık Bakımında Sepsisi Önlemek Elinizde”; 5 Mayıs 2018 Dünya Sağlık Örgütü (DSÖ)’nün YAŞAM KURTARIN: Elinizi Temizleyin Kampanyası

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Abstract

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Özet

Bu duyuru, 5 Mayıs 2018 Dünya El Hijyeni Günü dolayısıyla sepsisin önlenmesinde el hijyeninin rolüne ilişkin farkındalığın artırılması için yayımlanmak üzere aşağıdaki dergilere de gönderilmiştir: *American Journal of Infection Control, Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control, Clinical Microbiology and Infection, Critical Care Medicine, Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology, Infection Disease & Health, Journal of Hospital Infection, International Journal of Infection Control, American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.*

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Sepsis is a life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to infection (1). It is estimated to affect more than 30 million people worldwide every year with high mortality and morbidity (2). Sepsis was reported as a key global health issue at the 70th World Health Assembly in 2017 where a resolution on sepsis was adopted by Member States (3).

Sepsis can result from care practices and complicated healthcare-associated infections. Hand hygiene, a core

of infection prevention and control (IPC), plays a critical role in preventing such avoidable events (4,5). Each year, the World Health Organization (WHO) SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands campaign aims to bring people together in support of hand hygiene improvement globally on or around 5th May (6). In 2018, the campaign focuses on supporting the prevention of sepsis in health care. WHO urges ministries of health, health facility leaders, IPC leaders, health workers and patient advocacy groups to take

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Table 1. 5th May 2018, World Health Organization (WHO) SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands Campaign Calls to Action

Health workers	'Take 5 Moments* to clean your hands to prevent sepsis in health care'
IPC leaders	'Be a champion in promoting hand hygiene to prevent sepsis in health care'
Health facility leaders	'Prevent sepsis in health care, make hand hygiene a quality indicator in your hospital'
Ministries of health	'Implement the 2017 WHA sepsis resolution. Make hand hygiene a national marker of health care quality'
Patient advocacy groups	'Ask for 5 Moments of clean hands to prevent sepsis in health care'

IPC: Infection prevention and control, WHA: World Health Assembly.
 *Refers to the "My 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene" as published in the WHO guidelines on hand hygiene in health care" (4).

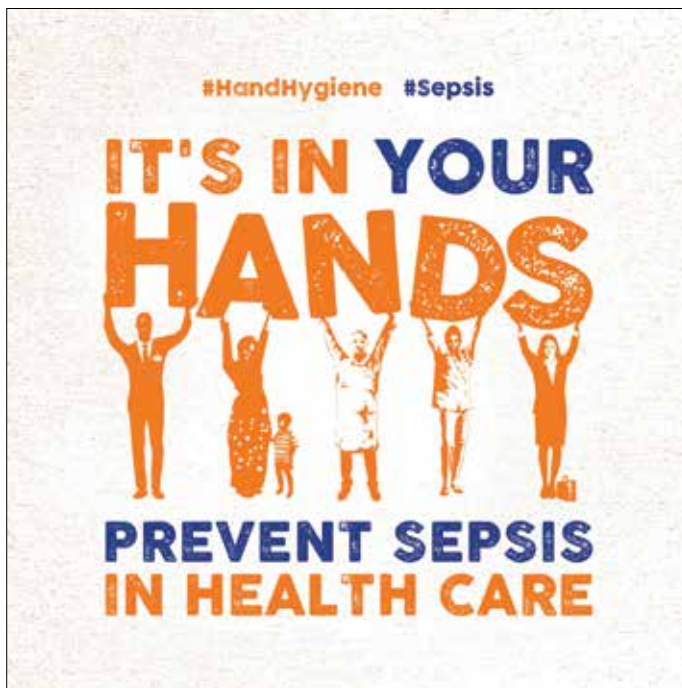


Figure 1. "It's in your hands; prevent sepsis in health care". 5th May 2018, World Health Organization SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands campaign slogan and main promotional image (2018 hashtags: #HandHygiene #Sepsis). Campaign participants are invited to submit photographs/'selfies' of them holding a board with the slogan and hashtags at www.CleanHandsSaveLives.org.

action on hand hygiene to prevent sepsis in health care (Table 1 and Figure 1). WHO also invites health facilities to join the global campaign to demonstrate on-going commitment to hand hygiene and IPC (<http://www.who.int/infection-prevention/campaigns/clean-hands/register/en/>).

Each hand hygiene action contributes to preventing sepsis in health care: let's act together, "It's in your hands - prevent sepsis in health care".

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