ECDC adds new pages to online directory on infection prevention and control

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As part of its support to the 5 May **'SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands'** [1] campaign the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has updated its online directory [2] containing resources on infection prevention and control by adding two new pages: 'Guidance on hand hygiene in healthcare' and 'Guidance on healthcare-associated pneumonia and ventilator-associated pneumonia'.

The **directory** lists guidance, available online, on how to prevent and control antimicrobial resistance and healthcare-associated infections. It consists of six parts:

- Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE) Directory
- Meticillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) Directory
- *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) Directory
- Organisation of infection prevention and control Directory
- Hand hygiene in healthcare Directory
- Healthcare-associated & ventilator-associated pneumonia Directory

The 'SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands' campaign is led by the World Health Organization (WHO). Arranged on 5 May every year, it is a part of a worldwide effort to support healthcare workers to improve hand hygiene in healthcare settings and by that to support the prevention of healthcare-associated infections. The campaign was launched in 2009 and is an extension to the WHO First Global Patient Safety Challenge: Clean Care is Safer Care.

[guidance-prevention-control-infections-caused-by-multidrug-resistant-bacteria-and-healthcare-associated-infections.aspx](#)

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