



WEBINAR SESSION 7 (March 2019) – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Role of Cleaners: Neglected Frontline WASH workers in Healthcare Facilities

These recommendations provide insight for identifying and addressing gaps in WASH in HCF research to reduce healthcare-associated infections.

1. Improve awareness of the issues surrounding WASH in HCF.
 - Read and disseminate *Implementation manual supporting prevention of CRO infections- cleaning chapter* (WHO).
 - Read and disseminate *Water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities Practical steps to achieve the global vision of universal access* (WHO, UNICEF).
 - Lookout for *Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare Facilities (LMICs)*, to be released in 2019.
2. Address the challenge with evidence-based solutions.
 - Utilize TEACH CLEAN as one of these solutions.
3. Implement IPC education for all healthcare workers.
 - Integrate team- and task-based strategies that are participatory and include bedside and simulation training into IPC education programs.
4. Incorporate education and training of the health workforce as a core function of national IPC programs.