

*The Global Hand Washing Day was observed by the Department of Microbiology and Hospital Infection Control Unit (HICU) on October 15<sup>th</sup> as a global advocacy day for hand washing, which is a part of the sustainable developmental goals in prevention of transmission of infectious diseases and saving lives.*

*The theme for this year is “**Clean hands for all**”*

As part of the observance, we conducted a series of activities aimed to increase awareness among the public and also staffs in the hospital:

1. 10/10/2019 - Assessment for awarding clean ICU/Ward-OPD/Laboratory  
**Clean ICU:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Congenital Heart Surgery ICU (CHICU)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Stroke ICU (STICU)  
**Clean Ward:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Congenital Heart Surgery Ward (CHWRD)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Cardiac Surgery Ward (CSWRD)  
**Clean Lab:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Transfusion Medicine  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Microbiology
2. 11/10/2019 to 15/10/2019 - **Display of posters** in patient waiting areas 1 and 2 for generating public awareness on hand washing.
3. 14/10/2019 - A **Quiz programme** on “Infection prevention and control” by Dr. Dinoop KP, Assistant Professor, Microbiology for all staffs.  
1<sup>st</sup> – NMWRD, 2<sup>nd</sup> - CSWRD
4. October 15<sup>th</sup>: 9.30 am - Public Awareness programme was conducted for the school children of **Govt. Medical College Higher Secondary School**. The nursing students performed a dance to demonstrate the various steps of the hand washing and a role-play for the importance of hand washing. Soap bars were distributed to the school children as a promotional step for hand washing. Sessions on “Infectious disease transmission and preventive strategies” by Prof. Kavita Raja and “Personal hygiene” by Ms. Shiny Biju, ICN were conducted.  
3.00 pm - Release of **Hospital Infection Control Manual** and felicitation address by Dr. Sivasankaran S., Professor & Head – Cardiology and Dr. Thomas Koshy, Professor & Head – Anaesthesiology. After a keynote address by Dr. Aravind, ID consultant, Medical College, Trivandrum, a guest lecture on “Hospital outbreak investigation and Management” was delivered by Dr. Rajalakshmi A., ID Consultant, KIMS , Trivandrum.





