



Report -World Hand Hygiene Day 2023

The World Hand Hygiene week was observed by the Department of Microbiology and Hospital Infection Control Unit (HICU) from 1st May - 5th May to improve hand hygiene and thereby infection prevention and control at point of care.

Campaign theme: Together, we can accelerate action to prevent infections and antimicrobial resistance in health care and build a culture of safety and quality in which hand hygiene improvement is given high priority.

As part of the observance, various activities were conducted aimed at increasing awareness of hand hygiene among the staffs and students in the hospital. Inspection of cleanliness was conducted on May 1st in all wards and ICUs by Dr.Rajalekshmi P and Dr. Amita R Staffs at all levels in the wards and ICUs were asked to perform hand hygiene and assessment was done on 2nd May.

Poster competition was conducted based on the theme for 2023 in three different languages. Submitted posters were displayed in the patient waiting areas 1 and 2 and at the entrances of medical and surgical blocks for generating public awareness on hand hygiene.



Webinar on reduction of surgical site infections was conducted on 4th May from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. A talk was given by Mrs. Sinil C Nair, BSN, RN CIC. Infection control expert, Ministry of Health and Prevention on “ Protocol development for reduction of Surgical site infections.” and Dr. Renjini R Kurup, DNP, CRNA Certified Registered Nurse Anaesthetist, Veterans Affairs Medical Centre on “Role of anaesthesia department in preventing surgical site infections.”



On 05/05/2023, World Hand Hygiene Day Valedictory function was organised.

Dr, Kavita Raja, Professor of Microbiology, welcomed the gathering. The valedictory function was inaugurated by the honourable Director, Dr. Sanjay Behari. He spoke on the importance of infection control and



appreciated the efforts of the antimicrobial stewardship committee in bringing out the Antibiotic policy in a fairly short time. He released the newly published antibiotic stewardship policy of SCTIMST by handing over one copy to Dr. Krishnakumar, Professor of Neurosurgery. Felicitation address was delivered by Dr. Krishnakumar, AMS and Professor, Dept. of Neurosurgery. Prizes for the winners of the competitions were distributed in the meeting. The nursing students performed a Hand hygiene awareness mime. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks expressed by Ms. Preethamol P, Infection control nurse.



Prize winners of the competitions

Clean ICU	:	Stroke ICU
Clean Ward	:	Neuro Medical Ward
Hand Hygiene Champions	:	Neuro Medical ICU
Poster English	:	I- Jismi Subhash, II Anju V S , III – Sarika Somaraj
Poster Malayalam	:	Jisha S, II Sarayu Gopal . III Sarika Somaraj
Poster Hindi	:	Sarayu Gopal. (Consolation Prize)



Hand Hygiene Champions 2023

Clean ICU 2023



Clean Ward 2023





