

NEW: WASH in Healthcare Facilities Community of Practice Initiative

Launch Event

Tuesday, October 19 | 9:00AM – 10:30AM EDT

Part 1: Introduction to the Community of Practice (45 min)

Part 2: Let's Get to Work! Discussion on Hand Hygiene in Healthcare (45 min)

****SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION IN FRENCH AND SPANISH****

Connect. Share. Act.



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Journey to the Community of Practice

This Community of Practice has grown out over multiple initiatives, further fueled by the pandemic:

- Emory's 2018-19 WASH in HCF monthly webinar series
- Global Water 2020 sunset
- COVID-19 and the need for knowledge exchange in a virtual world



The screenshot displays the website for the WASH in Healthcare Facilities Initiative. At the top left is the logo, a blue water drop containing a white 'H', followed by the text 'WASH in Healthcare Facilities Initiative'. To the right is a search bar with a 'Search' button. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'OUR WORK', 'WHERE WE WORK', 'TOOLS FOR ACTION', and 'WEBINARS'. The main content area features a dark banner with the text '2018-2019 WASH in HCF Webinar Series'. Below this banner is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home » Webinars Overview'. The next section is titled 'The Purpose of the WASH in HCF Webinar Series' and includes a target icon. The text describes the series' goal to bring together WASH and healthcare communities to share experiences and take action to improve WASH in HCF, and mentions that introductory overviews and all webinars can be found in 'Current and Past Webinars' below.

Introduction to the Community of Practice

The **MISSION** of the WASH in HCF Community of Practice Initiative is to organize an action-oriented learning platform and community of practice, in order to share experiences around the issue of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in healthcare facilities (HCF). The initiative is focused on three main objectives:

1. **CONNECT** in-country WASH in HCF implementers with the evidence, resources, potential partners, and funding mechanisms they need to develop, implement and advocate for WASH in HCF programs;
2. Provide a platform for the community of practice to **SHARE** experience, ideas and best practices for WASH in HCF programming;
3. Encourage specific **ACTION** to be taken in order to take WASH in HCF from discussion to implementation.



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Introduction to the Community of Practice

The **VISION** of the WASH in HCF Community of Practice Initiative is to propel the discussion of WASH in HCF **beyond the confines of meetings and conferences** and into a space where practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and advocates can work together to improve WASH in HCF more rapidly.



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Who is the Community? All are Welcome!

- NGOs, academics, faith-based organizations, donors, government officials, and private sector from across the WASH and health sectors are all invited to participate in the Community of Practice.
- Interpretation will be available for as many of the sessions as we can manage! We also will seek to host events entirely in languages besides English.
- We seek to partner with existing communities and networks to host events that reach an even wider audience (like the Quality of Care Network).

What to Expect from the Community of Practice

- Activities include bi-monthly live sessions, webinars, workshops, videos, and recorded interviews. The focus will be on topics that require further discussion from among the Community.
- Regular communication will be maintained via the listserv with information on upcoming events, updates and new resources.
- We are working on a page for the Community of Practice on WHO/UNICEF's [WASHinHCF.org](https://www.washinhealthcare.org). All materials developed or shared on the session will also be stored on WASHinHCF.org's "Resources" tab.



Emory's Role

- **Emory University's Center for Global Safe WASH** will act as the **Secretariat for the first year**, developing the framework and launch the Community of Practice (October 2021 - October 2022)
- Emory will be responsible for organizing events and opportunities for learning exchange and sending out updates and resources to keep the Community members informed.



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CoP Steering Committee Members



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Introduction to the Steering Committee

- The steering committee includes 10 members of the Community who have taken particular leadership on WASH in HCF
- The steering committee will participate in planning calls, respond to questionnaires and provide recommendations for both topics and format, as well as feedback on past sessions
- Term: August 2021 - October 2022
- Why do we have a steering committee? **Thought leadership!** We need ideas!

WASH in HCF Community of Practice Basic Principles

1. WASH is a **fundamental prerequisite for quality care** within a healthcare facility and **there cannot be effective infection prevention and control** without adequate WASH.
2. WASH in healthcare facilities is a **solvable issue** and will require multiple systems, sectors, and stakeholders to work together to see sustainable improvements.
3. The Community of Practice is **open to all who seek to learn and share** about WASH in healthcare facilities. We welcome all and **respect the diversity** of perspectives who participate.

Ways to Get Involved

- 1. Subscribe to the listserv** to receive updates on events and resources (link in chat). Join live sessions and connect with others in the space.
- 2. Send us topic recommendations.** We want to know what you want to learn about and discussion.
- 3. Nominate a success story.** Every live session + newsletters will highlight successes, big and small, in WASH in HCF.