

Save Lives: Clean **YOUR** hands!

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More than 30% of Healthcare Associated Infections can be prevented by Infection Prevention and Control Practices. Hand Hygiene is the simple, most efficient and cost effective way to prevent infection transmission.

The World Health Organization (WHO) spearheaded the First Global Patient Safety Challenge of which they prioritized the “Clean Care is Safer Care” project. The goal of Clean Care is Safer Care is to ensure that infection control is acknowledged universally as a solid and essential basis towards patient safety and supports the reduction of health care-associated infections and their consequences. It advocates the need to improve and sustain hand hygiene practices of health-care workers at the right times and in the right way to help reduce the spread of potentially life-threatening infections in health-care facilities.¹

The Al Wakra Hospital in collaboration with the Corporate Infection Prevention and Control Program celebrated the “Hand Hygiene Campaign” on 23 – 27 June, 2013. Poster making contest, best practice video contest, rounds and lectures were done all throughout the corporate.

July 1, 2013 – the Al Wakra Hospital Infection Prevention and Control Team together with the A/Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Wilson Ross awarded the winners of the Poster Making competition and the Top 3 Hand Hygiene Compliant units who garnered more than 90% compliance. Al Wakra Hospital winner, Jibi Mary of Pediatric Emergency is also hailed as the overall winner of the Hamad Medical Corporation Hand Hygiene poster making contest.

Al Wakra Hospital compliance for the 1st Quarter, 2013 is an overall average of 84.85%, meanwhile the target for the year is 90% compliance. Let us strive to prevent healthcare associated infections to each of our patients, colleagues and visitors. Take time to do hand hygiene on the right time with the right steps. Remember that **“appropriate hand hygiene – the simple task of cleaning hands at the right times and in the right way saves lives”**.

Congratulations to the following:

TOP THREE HAND HYGIENE COMPLIANT UNITS (>90% Hand Hygiene Compliance)

CHAMPION: Pediatric Emergency (95.19%)
2nd Place: Neonatal ICU (94.94%)
3rd Place: OB Gyne Outpatient Department (94.12%)

Poster Making Contest:

CHAMPION: Jibi Mary (Pediatric Emergency)
2nd Place: Jincy Yohannan (Pediatric Emergency)
3rd Place: Ghada Hudaib (Neonatal ICU)
4th Place: Stella Gibie (Neonatal ICU)
5th Place: Lingon Mathew (Adult Emergency)

Video Presentation Entry:

Obstetric – Gynecology Operating Theatre

Reference:

1. World Health Organization (www.who.int)

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Al Wakra Hospital Hand Hygiene Compliance, 1st Quarter 2013

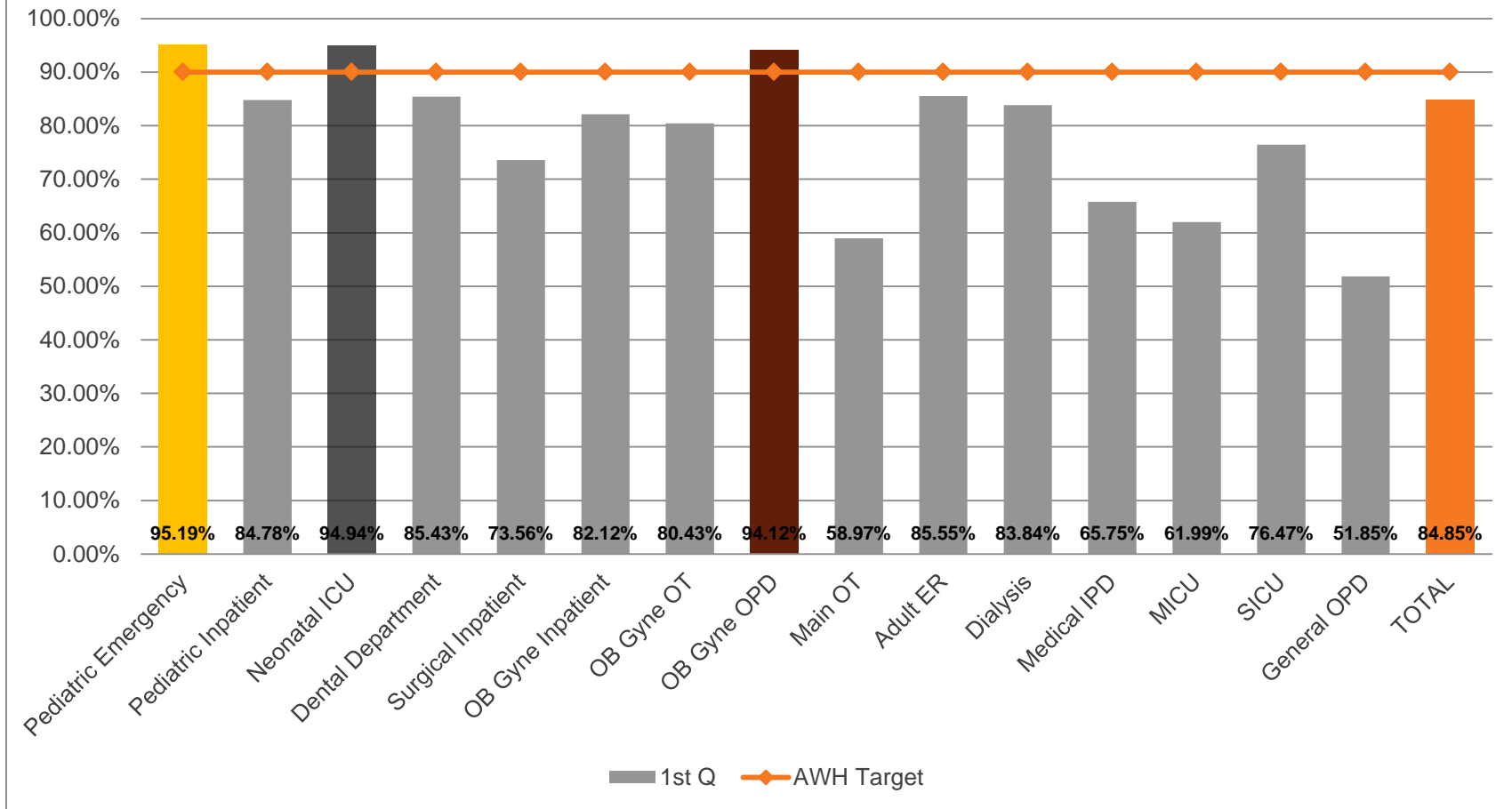


Figure 1. Al Wakra Hospital 1st Quarter, 2013 Hand Hygiene Compliance



Figure 2. The Winning Poster of Jibi Mary