

## **Professor DIDIER PITTET, MD, MS, CBE**

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Didier Pittet, MD, MS, is Professor of Medicine, the Hospital Epidemiologist and Director of the Infection Control Programme and World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre on Patient Safety at the University of Geneva Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine, Geneva, Switzerland. He holds Honorary Professorships at Imperial College London, UK, Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Health Science, and the First Medical School of the Fu, Shanghai, China. Fellow, Royal Society of Medicine, Ireland. Honorary member, All-Russian Scientific Societies of Epidemiologists, Microbiologists and Parasitologists. Professor Pittet is Lead Adviser of the WHO “Clean Care is Safe Care” and the African Partnerships for Patient Safety programmes, Patient Safety, WHO Headquarter.

Professor Pittet is the recipient of several national and international honours including a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) awarded by Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II for services to the prevention of healthcare-associated infection in the UK (2007), the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America Lectureship for his contribution to infection control and healthcare epidemiology (2008), the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases’ Award for Excellence (2009), the American Society for Microbiology (ASM/ICAAC 2016) and the Robert Koch award (2017). The book “Clean Hands Save Lives” by the French writer Thierry Crouzet (Editions L’Âge d’Homme, 2014), published in 18 languages (2017), and the movie “Clean Hands” (AFTERMEDIA, 2016), describe Didier Pittet medical odyssey to promote patient safety worldwide.

Professor Pittet is co-author of more than 500 publications in peer-reviewed journals and 50 textbook chapters. He is the editor of the first textbook “*Hand Hygiene – A Handbook for Medical Professionals*”- Pittet, Boyce, Allegranzi, Wiley-Blackwell, 2017). Professor Pittet serves on the editorial boards of several journals and is an editorial consultant of the Lancet. Professor Pittet has delivered a large number of plenary/opening lectures at all major meetings/congresses in the field of infectious diseases/infection control/patient safety. He is recognized as a fascinating and very engaging speaker. Professor Pittet current research interests include the epidemiology and prevention of healthcare-associated infections, methods for improving compliance with barrier precautions and hand hygiene practices, as well as innovative methods for improving the patient care and safety. He is also involved in research on the epidemiology of infectious diseases, and public and global health issues. The experience of his team in engaging nations and healthcare settings worldwide in a universal commitment to patient safety is unique.