

## Appendix 2: Hand Hygiene Observation Tool

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GUIDE TO HAND HYGIENE OPPORTUNITIES

<b>HIGH RISK FOR TRANSMISSION</b>	
Perform hand hygiene before and after each of the following tasks	
<b>DIRECT PATIENT CONTACT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bathing and mouth care</li> <li>• Wound care or dressing changes</li> <li>• Repositioning patient</li> <li>• Direct patient assessment or care</li> <li>• Specimen collection (blood, urine, stool, sputum)</li> <li>• Toileting activities</li> <li>• Physiotherapy activities</li> <li>• Invasive procedures (including, but not limited to, insertion of central or peripheral intravascular devices, lumbar puncture, intubation/ extubation, bladder catheterization, etc)</li> </ul>
<b>MODERATE RISK FOR TRANSMISSION *</b>	
Perform hand hygiene between patients	
<b>INDIRECT PATIENT CONTACT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing and administering medications</li> <li>• Touching patient equipment at the bedside (eg. Blood pressure cuffs, thermometers) but no patient contact</li> <li>• Transporting patient in a wheelchair or stretcher</li> <li>• After handling patient soiled linens</li> <li>• Before handling food</li> </ul>
<b>LOW RISK FOR TRANSMISSION *</b>	
Perform hand hygiene periodically	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CONTACT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charting or log book entry</li> <li>• Attendance at rounds</li> <li>• Handling stock linens or supplies</li> <li>• After personal toileting</li> </ul>

\*These contacts/activities are not priority activities to monitor during your audits

*Please make note of the following during this session.*

	Yes	No	Not applicable	Comments
Posters promoting hand hygiene are visible				
Clinical staff nails are short and clean				
Hand washing areas are clean, operational, and free from clutter				
There is visible and easy access to hand washing sinks or hand sanitizer				
Soap dispensers are available at all hand washing areas				
Paper towels are available at all hand washing stations				

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / OBSERVATIONS**