

Appendix 2: Hand Hygiene Observation Tool

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HAND HYGIENE AUDIT TOOL
HAND HYGIENE ADHERENCE DURING HIGH RISK PATIENT CONTACTS

Monitor each clinical area for approximately 30 MINUTES

Hospital _____ Date _____ Start time _____ AM / PM (circle)
 Section of Hospital (e.g. ER, adult inpatient, pediatric) _____
 If Inpatient Ward, Ward ID _____ and number of patients in ward _____
 Observer name _____ Location of observer within ward _____

Hand Hygiene Opportunities				
Use tick marks to indicate what behavior was observed for each hand hygiene opportunity				
Discipline (see below)	No attempt	Attempted without success	Attempted with success	Comments

Discipline: MD=doctor or resident, RN=registered nurse, T=technician or allied health specialist, S=student (medical or nursing)

Duration of observation period: _____ minutes
Total number of patients observed during audit: _____

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GUIDE TO HAND HYGIENE OPPORTUNITIES

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

*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