

Clinical Practice Process Improvement Tool : Hand Hygiene Technique

Functional Area: Start Date: Overall Auditors:

Module: Hand Hygiene Technique

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Standard: Hand hygiene is performed by correctly prepared staff using an appropriate technique

Question Set: Hand Hygiene Technique - Technique

Observation: 1

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Is there an indication for hand hygiene to be performed? (90)	Check hand hygiene is performed if one of the Five Moments for Hand Hygiene is observed.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	Are health and social care workers hands free of false fingernails or fingernail extenders?	Check both hands.				
3	Are health and social care workers hands free of nail polish?	Check both hands.				
4	Are health and social care workers fingernails short?	Nails should not be seen when viewing the palm.				
5	Are health and social care workers fingernails clean?	Check both hands.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6	Are hands free from prohibited rings?	Check policy e.g. only one plain band can be worn.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7	Are wrists free from all clothing and other articles?	Watches and bracelets should not be worn and wrist area should be free from clothing or bare below elbow according to local guidelines			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8	Are hands wetted before applying wash products?	Observe practice.				
9	Is the correct amount of hand hygiene product used?	Single shot from a dispenser.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10	Is the correct 6 step technique used?	See WHO 'how to hand wash/how to hand rub' images/posters or local guidelines.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11	Are the taps turned off using a no-touch technique following hand washing?	Using elbow/knee or a sensor tap.				
12	Are the hands dried thoroughly?	Observe practice.				
13	Are paper towels disposed of without touching the domestic waste bin by hand?	Observe practice.				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Hand Hygiene Technique - Technique

■ 90 World Health Organisation (2009) Guidelines on hand hygiene in health care. Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organisation