

Hand Hygiene, PPE and Cleaning Equipment

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Hand Hygiene—Key Points

- Use hand hygiene upon entering and exiting room, after patient contact, and before and after putting on gloves
- Nine steps (same for soap and water or for gel)—see diagrams on following slides:
 - Rub palms together (step 1), then;
 - Rub back of each hand with palms (steps 2 and 3), then;
 - Rub fingers intertwined (step 4), then;
 - Rub backs of fingers (step 5), then;
 - Rub each thumb (steps 6 and 7), then;
 - Rub fingertips in palms (steps 8 and 9)—ALWAYS THE LAST STEP!!
- If you do each step for <u>2-3 seconds</u>, you will achieve the required time for hand hygiene.



Hand Hygiene with Alcohol Sanitizer

Cover all surfaces with enough gel to rub until dry for at least 15-20 seconds





Apply a palmful of the product in a cupped hand, covering all surfaces;



Rub hands palm to palm;



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



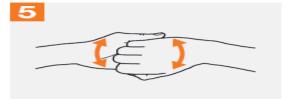
Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;



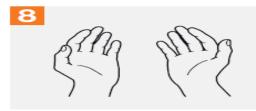
Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;



Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



Once dry, your hands are safe.

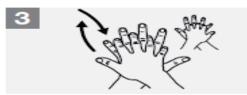


Hand Washing with Soap and Water

Lather and scrub for at least 15-20 seconds—Use for visibly soiled hands



Wet hands with water;



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;



Dry hands thoroughly with a single use towel;





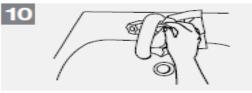
Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces;



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;



Use towel to turn off faucet;



Rub hands palm to palm;



Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



Rinse hands with water;



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Your hands are now safe.

- <u>Always</u> tie gown in the <u>back</u>
- Gloves are put on LAST (to keep them clean) and removed FIRST (because they are dirtiest)
- Remove gown by grabbing from the back of the neck, NOT the front of the chest
- Roll in a ball with the external surface facing inward and dispose of in appropriate receptacles



 Use sani-cloths on stethoscope diaphragm and bell before and after contact with the patient

