HANDWASHING QUALITY AUDIT

Information in this audit tool was used from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings.

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Healthcare personnel should use an alcohol-based hand rub or wash with soap and water for the following clinical indications:

- Immediately before touching a patient
- Before performing an aseptic task (e.g., placing an indwelling device) or handling invasive medical devices
- Before moving from work on a soiled body site to a clean body site on the same patient
- After touching a patient or the patient's immediate environment
- After contact with blood, body fluids, or contaminated surfaces
- Immediately after glove removal

Ensure that healthcare personnel perform hand hygiene with soap and water when hands are visibly soiled.

Unless hands are visibly soiled, an alcohol-based hand rub is preferred over soap and water in most clinical situations due to evidence of better compliance compared to soap and water. Hand rubs are generally less irritating to hands and, in the absence of a sink, are an effective method of cleaning hands.

	Hand Hygiene Completed Correctly	Product Used		6	
Handwashing Observation (Unit and Time)		Soap and Water	Alcohol Based Hand Rub	Soap, Hand Sanitizer and Paper Towels Available	COMMENTS
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Person Completing the Audit: Date:						
Action:						
Follow-Up:						

Source – CDC. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings. Hand Hygiene Guidance. Last Updated January 20, 2020. https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/providers/guideline.html

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