

Hand Hygiene Compliance Monitoring in Hospitals

Instructions: Record each time there is an opportunity for hand hygiene performance. Record if hand hygiene was performed using gel or soap and water. Try to observe in 15 minute increments. Do not observe for more than 30 minutes at a time. Only record what you observe, not your own actions.

Opportunities for hand hygiene include the following:

- Before and after touching a patient
- Before and after touching environmental surfaces and equipment
- Between patients in your care
- Before and after any invasive procedure, such as administering an injection
- Before performing a clean procedure, after a dirty procedure for the same patient
- Before donning and after removing gloves

Location: _____

Date/Time observation began: _____

Date/Time observation ended: _____

Observer Name: _____

Type of Caregiver	Entering and Exiting Patient Room				While in Patient Room			
	Opportunities	Hand Hygiene			Opportunities	Hand Hygiene		
		Soap/Water	Gel	None		Soap/Water	Gel	None
Nurses								
Ancillary Services								
Physicians								
Other								

For calculation of a rate of compliance, add all opportunities per category (e.g. nurses) and add all hand hygiene compliance (soap/water + gel). Divide compliance by number of opportunities, and multiply by 100. For example, nurses were compliant 10 times out of 20 opportunities – $10/20=0.5 \times 100=50\%$.