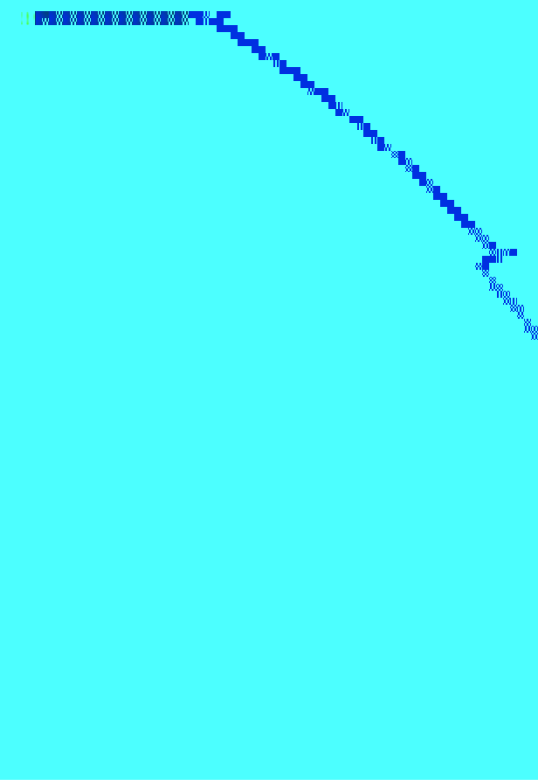


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Hand Hygiene



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Introduction

In 2012, the BC Ministry of Health issued a communique to ensure high-quality hand hygiene is practised. Their policy requires all health authorities to implement current standards for hand hygiene practice as outlined in the Best Practice for Hand Hygiene in All Healthcare Settings and Programs. They further stated that the policy also applies to private or non-profit facilities and/or providers that are supplying public health-care services under contract to health authorities. In April 2015, the NHMSFAP Committee adopted the Best Practices for Hand Hygiene in All Healthcare Settings and Programs as the standard for all non-hospital facilities.



No.	Description
HH1.0	HAND HYGIENE
HH1.1	<p>A multidisciplinary, multifaceted hand hygiene program has been implemented.</p> <p><i>Guidance: The hand hygiene program includes written policy and procedures for hand hygiene, easy access to hand hygiene products at point of care, sinks dedicated to hand hygiene and used for no other purpose, hand hygiene education, and a program to monitor hand hygiene compliance. The hand hygiene program should include senior and middle management support and commitment to make hand hygiene an organizational priority.</i></p>



No.	Description
HH1.2.3	M Hand hygiene is performed after care involving risk of exposure to, or contact with, body fluids. <i>Guidance: Hand hygiene is performed after care</i>



No.	Description
HH1.3.6	M When using an alcohol-based hand rub, a sufficient amount of product is applied (usually one to two pumps). <i>Guidance: To clean hands properly, rub all parts of the hands and wrists with an alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR). A sufficient amount of ABHR is applied to dry hands such that it will remain in contact with the hands for a minimum of 15 seconds before the product becomes dry (usually one to two pumps). Rub hands together palm to palm, then between and around fingers and wrists, rub fingertips of each hand in opposite palm, rub nail beds of each hand in opposite palm, and rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand. Do not use paper towel. Once dry, the hands are clean.</i>
HH1.3.7	M When using alcohol-based hand rub, paper towel is not used to dry hands. <i>Guidance: Hands and fingers are rubbed together until the alcohol-based hand rub becomes dry. Once dry, the hands are clean.</i>
HH1.3.8	M Hands are completely dry before donning gloves.
HH1.3.9	M The same pair of gloves are not used for the care of more than one patient.
HH1.3.10	M Gloves are removed immediately and discarded after the activity for which they were used. <i>Guidance: Gloves are not washed with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub between activities or patients.</i>
HH1.3.11	M Gloves are changed or removed when moving from a contaminated body site to a clean body site within the same patient.
HH1.3.12	M Gloves are changed or removed after touching a contaminated environmental surface. <i>Guidance: Gloves are not washed with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub between activities or</i>



No.	Description
HH1.4.14	M Paper towels are dispensed singly. <i>Guidance: The paper towel dispenser design is either hands-free or such that only the towel is touched during removal of the towel for use. Paper towel rolls are not appropriate.</i>
HH1.4.15	M Hand moisturizing skin care products are provided to staff. <i>Guidance: Frequent use of hand moisturizing skin care products is encouraged to minimize the occurrence of irritant contact dermatitis associated with hand hygiene.</i>
HH1.4.16	M Hand hygiene facilities are provided for patients and visitors. <i>Guidance: Patients are encouraged and assisted to perform hand hygiene upon arrival, before eating and before leaving their care area and the facility.</i>
HH1.4.17	M A current hand washing



No.	Description
HH1.6.1	M



