



Hand Hygiene Observation - Coding Classification Sheet.

Code:	Type of Health Care Worker:
RN	Registered nurse
DR	Medical doctor
PSA	Patient service attendant / cleaner
AH	Allied health care worker
BL	Blood collecting staff - Phlebotomists
S	Students e.g. SRN, SAH, SDR
O	Other (e.g. Ward clerks, pastoral carer, food services)

Code:	Hand Hygiene Action:
Rub	HCW used ABHR
Wash	HCW washed hands with soap and water
Missed	Moment for HH observed but not performed

Code:	Glove Use:
On	HCW put gloves on
Off	HCW removed gloves
Cont	HCW continued to wear the same pair of gloves
	Leave blank if no gloves

Code: Moments for Hand Hygiene:

- 1 Before touching a patient** - Before touching the patient in any way. This indication applies when the healthcare worker enters the patient's immediate surroundings to make contact with him or her. Eg. personal care activities, non-invasive observations, non invasive treatments, preparation and administration of oral medications, oral care and feeding, before touching any invasive medical device connected to the patient, contact with the patient's surroundings before and After any of the above
- 2 Before a procedure** - Before performing any procedure where there is a risk of the direct introduction of a disease causing organism into the patient's body. - This indication applies before the insertion of a needle into a patient's skin, or into an invasive medical device. Preparation and administration of any medications given via an invasive medical device. Administration of medications where there is direct contact with a patient's mucous membranes. Insertion of, or disruption to, the circuit of an invasive medical device. Any assessment, treatment and patient care where contact is made with non-intact skin. Preparation of a sterile field.
- 3 After a procedure or body fluid exposure risk** - After any procedure or potential or actual body fluid exposure risk exposure - This indication applies at the conclusion of the procedure or after actual or potential exposure of the hands to a body fluid. Eg. after a Moment 2 contact, contact with a used urinary bottle / bedpan, with sputum either directly or indirectly via a cup or tissue, contact with used specimen jars / pathology samples, cleaning dentures, cleaning spills of urine, faeces or vomit from patient surroundings, after touching the outside of a drain.
- 4 After touching a patient** - After having touched the patient. This indication applies when the healthcare worker leaves the patient's immediate surroundings after having had contact with him/her. Eg. personal care activities, non-invasive observations, non invasive treatment, preparation and administration of oral medications, oral care and feeding, contact with the patient's surroundings before and after any of the above
- 5 After touching a patient's surroundings** - After touching the patient's immediate surroundings when the patient has not been touched. This indication applies when the healthcare worker leaves the immediate patient surroundings after having touched any objects. Patient surroundings include - bed, bed rails, linen, table, bedside chart, bedside locker, call bell/TV remote control, light switches, personal belongings, (including books, mobility aids), chair, foot stool, monitors. Eg. changing bed linen, holding a bed rail, clearing the bedside table, contact with patient monitor.