

Clinical Practice Process Improvement Tool : Hand Hygiene Technique

Functional Area: _____ Start Date: _____ Overall Auditors: _____

Module: Hand Hygiene Technique

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Standard: Hand hygiene is performed by correctly prepared staff using an appropriate technique

Question Set: Hand Hygiene Technique - Technique

Observation: 1

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Is there an indication for hand hygiene to be performed? (90)	Check hand hygiene is performed if one of the Five Moments for Hand Hygiene is observed.				
2	Are health and social care workers hands free of false fingernails or fingernail extenders?	Check both hands.				
3	Are health and social care workers hands free of nail polish?	Check both hands.				
4	Are health and social care workers fingernails short?	Nails should not be seen when viewing the palm.				
5	Are health and social care workers fingernails clean?	Check both hands.				
6	Are hands free from prohibited rings?	Check policy e.g. only one plain band can be worn.				
7	Are wrists free from all clothing and other articles?	Sleeves should be short and there should be no watch/bracelet.				
8	Are hands wetted before applying wash products?	Observe practice.				
9	Is the correct amount of hand hygiene product used?	Single shot from a dispenser.				
10	Is the correct 6 step technique used?	See WHO 'how to hand wash/how to hand rub' images/posters.				
11	Are the taps turned off using a no-touch technique following hand washing?	Using elbow/knee or a sensor tap.				
12	Are the hands dried thoroughly?	Observe practice.				
13	Are paper towels disposed of without touching the domestic waste bin by hand?	Observe practice.				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Hand Hygiene Technique - Technique

- 90 World Health Organisation (2009) Guidelines on hand hygiene in health care. Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organisation