

Clinical Practice Process Improvement Tool : Scrub Procedures

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

Module: Surgical Hand Antisepsis

Date: _____ Auditors: _____

Standard: Hands will be decontaminated in dedicated scrub facilities at the start of each theatre session and between every surgical procedure.

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Observation: 1

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Is all hand jewellery removed prior to hand antisepsis?	Observe practice.				
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 hands washed using soap or an antimicrobial solution prior to commencing the first antisepsis e.g. pre-wash?	Observe practice. Moment 2 - Before an aseptic task				
6	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
7	Are hands and 2/3 of forearms washed for a minimum of 2 minutes?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
8	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				
9	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Observation: 2

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Is all hand jewellery removed prior to hand antisepsis?	Observe practice.				

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Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Observation: 2

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
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 hands washed using soap or an antimicrobial solution prior to commencing the first antisepsis e.g. pre-wash?	Observe practice. Moment 2 - Before an aseptic task				
6	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
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Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Observation: 3

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Is all hand jewellery removed prior to hand antisepsis?	Observe practice.				
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.				

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Observation: 3

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
4	Are health and social care workers fingernails short?	Nails should not be seen when viewing the palm.				
5	Are hands washed using soap or an antimicrobial solution prior to commencing the first antisepsis e.g. pre-wash?	Observe practice. Moment 2 - Before an aseptic task				
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Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Observation: 4

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Is all hand jewellery removed prior to hand antisepsis?	Observe practice.				
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 hands washed using soap or an antimicrobial solution prior to commencing the first antisepsis e.g. pre-wash?	Observe practice. Moment 2 - Before an aseptic task				

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Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Observation: 4

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
6	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
7	Are hands and 2/3 of forearms washed for a minimum of 2 minutes?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
8	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				
9	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Observation: 5

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Is all hand jewellery removed prior to hand antisepsis?	Observe practice.				
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Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
9	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 5 Staff Members

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Observation: 1

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Does the first antiseptis of the day involve use of an antimicrobial solution?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
2	Is an antiseptic applied to wet hands and forearms using friction?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands rinsed and an antimicrobial solution re-applied?	Observe 3 nurses & 2 medical staff.				
5	Are hands and arms rinsed?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
6	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				
7	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Observation: 2

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Does the first antiseptis of the day involve use of an antimicrobial solution?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				

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Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Observation: 2

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
2	Is an antiseptic applied to wet hands and forearms using friction?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands rinsed and an antimicrobial solution re-applied?	Observe 3 nurses & 2 medical staff.				
5	Are hands and arms rinsed?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
6	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				
7	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Observation: 3

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Does the first antisepsis of the day involve use of an antimicrobial solution?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
2	Is an antiseptic applied to wet hands and forearms using friction?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands rinsed and an antimicrobial solution re-applied?	Observe 3 nurses & 2 medical staff.				
5	Are hands and arms rinsed?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
6	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				
7	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				

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Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Observation: 4

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Does the first antisepsis of the day involve use of an antimicrobial solution?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
2	Is an antiseptic applied to wet hands and forearms using friction?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands rinsed and an antimicrobial solution re-applied?	Observe 3 nurses & 2 medical staff.				
5	Are hands and arms rinsed?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
6	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				
7	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Observation: 5

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Does the first antisepsis of the day involve use of an antimicrobial solution?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
2	Is an antiseptic applied to wet hands and forearms using friction?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands rinsed and an antimicrobial solution re-applied?	Observe 3 nurses & 2 medical staff.				

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Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Observation: 5

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
5	Are hands and arms rinsed?	Observe 3 nursing and 2 medical staff.				
6	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				
7	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Nurses & 2 Medical Staff

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Surgeons & 3 Nurses

Observation: 1

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Do all staff decontaminate hands between surgical cases either using an alcoholic handrub or an antiseptic surgical solution?	Check at least three surgeons and three nursing staff. Check that if hands are soiled, they are washed with an antiseptic surgical solution. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
2	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Surgeons & 3 Nurses

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Surgeons & 3 Nurses

Observation: 2

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment

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Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Surgeons & 3 Nurses

Observation: 2

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Do all staff decontaminate hands between surgical cases either using an alcoholic handrub or an antiseptic surgical solution?	Check at least three surgeons and three nursing staff. Check that if hands are soiled, they are washed with an antiseptic surgical solution. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
2	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				

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Observation: 3

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Do all staff decontaminate hands between surgical cases either using an alcoholic handrub or an antiseptic surgical solution?	Check at least three surgeons and three nursing staff. Check that if hands are soiled, they are washed with an antiseptic surgical solution. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
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3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Surgeons & 3 Nurses

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Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Surgeons & 3 Nurses

Observation: 4

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Do all staff decontaminate hands between surgical cases either using an alcoholic handrub or an antiseptic surgical solution?	Check at least three surgeons and three nursing staff. Check that if hands are soiled, they are washed with an antiseptic surgical solution. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
2	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Surgeons & 3 Nurses

Question Set: Surgical Hand Antisepsis - SHA 3 Surgeons & 3 Nurses

Observation: 5

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Do all staff decontaminate hands between surgical cases either using an alcoholic handrub or an antiseptic surgical solution?	Check at least three surgeons and three nursing staff. Check that if hands are soiled, they are washed with an antiseptic surgical solution. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
2	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
4	Are hands dried with one sterile towel per arm?	The towel must not be returned to the hand once the arm has been dried.				

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Observation: 6

Staff Group: AHP / Ancillary/Others / Care Staff / Medical Doctors / Nurses/Midwives

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Do all staff decontaminate hands between surgical cases either using an alcoholic handrub or an antiseptic surgical solution?	Check at least three surgeons and three nursing staff. Check that if hands are soiled, they are washed with an antiseptic surgical solution. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
2	Are hands decontaminated appropriately between patients/surgical procedures?	Check hands are either washed with antiseptic or alcohol. Soap and water must be used if contaminated with body fluids. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure				
3	When appropriate was a disposable nail pick or brush used to remove visible dirt?	Visually check.				
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