

Hand Hygiene

Probably 100,000 people die every day around the world from hospital-acquired infections and hand are the primary mode of transmission of these infections. Hand hygiene is the single most important modality healthcare workers have for prevention.

The World Health Organization has recognized 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene:

1. Before touching a patient
2. Before any clean/aseptic procedure
3. After body fluid exposure risk
4. After touching a patient
5. After touching the patient's surroundings

Clark Memorial Hospital has a goal of 90% compliance with hand hygiene and one of the current Medical Staff goals is to improve physician adherence with proper hand hygiene to 90%. We began a much improved program of hand hygiene monitoring in February, 2014 with numerous hospital leaders involved in this monitoring process.