

Don't be shy!

Your healthcare workers are interested in your care and will expect you to ask them about hand hygiene!



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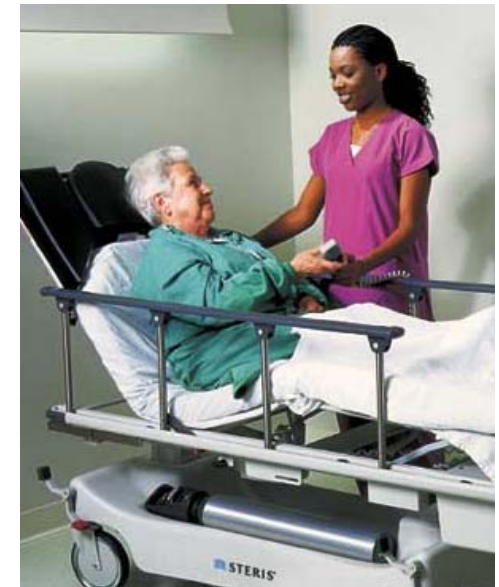


Facts About Hand Hygiene...

- ◆ Hand Hygiene is the single most important procedure that is performed in the hospital for preventing the spread of infection to you, the patient.
- ◆ Germs that cause infections can be spread in a number of ways. The most common is through hands. Hand hygiene removes germs from the hands and helps protect YOU from infections.



*"Did you wash /
sanitize your
hands?"*



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Who?

Our hospital has always been and is still a leader in providing excellent care to all patients and now we would like YOU to join our team as a partner in your care. So ask: “Did you wash / sanitize your hands?”

Why?

Hand Hygiene is the single most important procedure that is performed in the hospital for preventing the spread of infection to you, the patient. It is important because nationwide, 2.5 million patients annually develop infections. Also, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta reported 30,000 deaths directly caused by infections and an additional 70,000 patients had infections that contributed to their death. Hand Hygiene is so important that several governmental and professional agencies list hand hygiene in their guidelines.



How?

Become a partner with your doctor, nurse, and all the healthcare workers that enter your room by asking them the question...

*“Did you wash /
sanitize your
hands?”*

When and Where?

Ask the question any time your doctor, nurse, or healthcare worker is about to make direct physical contact with you or touches things that are used in your care. This may be in your room or anywhere else in the hospital.

