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Proper Hand Hygiene Practice in the Clinic Setting



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Purpose Statement

The use of proper hand hygiene in the clinic setting is critical for infection control and prevention of nosocomial infections.

Benefits of Hand Hygiene

- Prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illness and diarrheal illness by approximately 52%
- Teaches patients to use good hand hygiene by observing staff
- Results in less employee illness/sick days

Statistics

- There are an estimated 2 million health care associated infections each year
- \$4.5 billion in medical expenses each year related to nosocomial infections
- Nearly 90,000 deaths are reported each year related to nosocomial infections

Staff Awareness Tools

- Hand Hygiene Observation Audit Form
- Experiment with nursing staff using Glo Kit
- Provide fun quizzes and information regarding hand hygiene
- Posting signs reminding staff to use hand hygiene







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Conclusion

 Statistics show that hand hygiene in the clinic setting improved by 12% six months after education and training was given.



Sauk Centre FM Hand Hygiene	
Month	Hand Hygiene %
Sep	78%
Oct	75%
Nov	76%
Dec	80%
Jan	88%
Feb	90%

