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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

**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

**References**

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

**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

**Sauk Centre FM Hand Hygiene**

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