

Module 2: General Infection Prevention Elements - to be applied to all locations providing patient care

Section 2.A. Hand Hygiene

Elements to be assessed	Surveyor Notes
<p>Hand hygiene is performed in a manner consistent with hospital infection control practices, policies, and procedures to maximize the prevention of infection and communicable disease including the following:</p>	
<p>Note: Observations for compliance with hand hygiene elements should be assessed throughout the hospital.</p> <p>2.A.1 Soap, water, and a sink are readily accessible in appropriate locations including, but not limited to, patient care areas and food and medication preparation areas.</p> <p>Note: Medications should not be prepared near areas of splashing water (e.g. within 3 feet of a sink). Alternately when space is limited, a splash guard can be mounted beside the sink.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>2.A.2 Alcohol-based hand rub is readily accessible and placed in appropriate locations. The locations may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrances to patient rooms, • At the bedside, • In individual pocket-sized containers carried by healthcare personnel, • Staff workstations, and/or • Other convenient locations. 	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>2.A.3 Personnel perform hand hygiene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before contact with the patient • Before performing an aseptic task (e.g., insertion of IV or urinary catheter) 	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>

<p>2.A.4 Personnel perform hand hygiene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After contact with the patient • After contact with blood, body fluids, or visibly contaminated surfaces • After removing gloves 	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
<p>2.A.5 Personnel perform hand hygiene using soap and water when hands are visibly soiled (e.g., blood, body fluids) or after caring for a patient with known or suspected <i>C. difficile</i> or norovirus during an outbreak.</p> <p>Note: In all other situations, alcohol-based hand rub is preferred.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
<p>2.A.6 Personnel do not wear artificial fingernails and/or extenders when having direct contact with patients at high risk of infection (e.g., those in intensive care units or ORs) per hospital policy.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
<p>If no to any of 2.A.1 through 2.A.6, cite at 42 CFR 482.42(a) (Tag A-0749)</p>		