

# MEMO

To: Anesthesia Staff

From: Director Anesthesia Dept., CDC, MEC Admin

Re: Hand Hygiene and Certification Standards

Our ASC's visited periodically by credentialing agencies which determine if we are meeting specific standards of quality. At a recent survey at one of our centers, we were determined to be non-compliant regarding hand hygiene.

Below is a handout regarding proper hand hygiene for an ASC. Please review:

## Your 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene

Moment	When?	Why?
1 BEFORE TOUCHING A PATIENT	WHEN? Clean your hands before touching a patient when approaching him/her.	WHY? To protect the patient against harmful germs carried on your hands.
2 BEFORE CLEAN/ASEPTIC PROCEDURE	WHEN? Clean your hands immediately before performing a clean/aseptic procedure.	WHY? To protect the patient against harmful germs, including the patient's own, from entering his/her body.
3 AFTER BODY FLUID EXPOSURE RISK	WHEN? Clean your hands immediately after an exposure risk to body fluids (and after glove removal).	WHY? To protect yourself and the health-care environment from harmful patient germs.
4 AFTER TOUCHING A PATIENT	WHEN? Clean your hands after touching a patient and her/his immediate surroundings, when leaving the patient's side.	WHY? To protect yourself and the health-care environment from harmful patient germs.
5 AFTER TOUCHING PATIENT SURROUNDINGS	WHEN? Clean your hands after touching any object or furniture in the patient's immediate surroundings, when leaving - even if the patient has not been touched.	WHY? To protect yourself and the health-care environment from harmful patient germs.

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As you are aware, it is very important that we meet standards set by certification bodies such as the State of MI, AAAHC, and Medicare. Meeting these standards is required for our ASC's to maintain certification, licensure, and to show that they are meeting a high level of care.

Standards are set by Medicare, the State, the CDC (e.g., safe injection practices), the United States Pharmacopeia (e.g., USP 797), APIC, OSHA, etc. We periodically review the standards with our anesthesia staff so that we meet and exceed these standards.

It is the goal of our anesthesia department to provide the highest quality of care possible. In order to do this, it is critical that everyone do their part to be aware of these standards, and to meet (and exceed) them.

We appreciate your efforts to provide quality care to your patients and welcome questions regarding the standards set by these entities.

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