



HAND HYGIENE OBSERVATION PROGRAM

Cost Effective Method to Meet Leapfrog Hand Hygiene Goals

Over 241,000 observations were completed in 2021 by the hand hygiene observers.



scrub up!
save lives

See how OHA member hospitals can benefit from the hand hygiene program at ohiohospitals.org/hand-hygiene

IMPROVING HAND HYGIENE RATES

OHA's hand hygiene program focuses on improving hand hygiene rates by assessing hospital staff compliance by directly observing hospital caregivers as they enter and exit patient rooms. OHA will provide recommendations on how hospitals can improve their rates by redesigning policies and offering more robust education and training opportunities. Participating hospitals set a goal of reaching 100% compliance.

COMPARE COMPLIANCE RATES WITH PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS

- OHA's observers enter data in real time using a hand-held device and an app developed by OHA specifically for the quality improvement initiative.

- The data is quickly aggregated for members to use the same day and/or monthly.

- Clinical leaders of participating hospitals meet regularly with OHA's team to review compliance data and share best practices on how to achieve and sustain high compliance rates.

SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTIONS INCLUDE

- Additional alcohol hand sanitizer dispensers, located closer to patient rooms
- Competitions and rewards for best rates/most improved
- Signage for "Wash in/Wash out!" reminders
- Coaching of associates by leadership
- Inter-departmental meetings on expected behaviors
- Educational videos or employee plays/skits

INTERESTED IN THE HYGIENE PROGRAM? SIGN UP TODAY

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