Standard Precautions Hand Hygiene

Prevent the spread of germs and limit contamination of environmental surfaces and equipment.

IMPORTANT DAILY
PRACTICES FOR BASIC
INFECTION PREVENTION
AND CONTROL.

Hand hygiene - done correctly and at the right time.



Personal protective equipment (PPE) - used correctly



Cover your cough or sneeze

Routine cleaning of the environment

Safe handling and disposal of waste and used linen

HAND HYGIENE QUIZ

- Everyone should perform hand hygiene whether they work in a clinical or non-clinical space within healthcare? TRUE or FALSE
- Hand hygiene is the single most important practice in preventing healthcare associated infections (HAI's). TRUE or FALSE
- 3 If hands are visibly dirty or soiled hand hygiene should be performed using
 - a. alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) or hand sanitiser
 - b. soap/cleanser and water
- Important steps to follow when using an ABHR alcohol-based hand rub
 - a. use enough product
 - b. rub all over hands -including fingertips, inbetween fingers, thumbs and wrists for 20-30 sec
 - c. allow to air dry
 - d. all of the above
- **5** Wearing gloves replaces the need for hand hygiene. TRUE or FALSE
- 6 Hand hygiene should be performed immediately BEFORE putting on gloves and AFTER removing gloves. TRUE or FALSE
- When performing my duties where there is a risk or potential risk of exposure to blood or other bodily fluids e.g. handling of used and soiled linen, it is appropriate to use PPE to protect myself. TRUE or FALSE
- **8** Gloves must be changed between patients. TRUE or FALSE
- Patients should be involved in hand hygiene and be offered the opportunity to clean their hands when appropriate. TRUE or FALSE