

## RULES FOR CONDUCTING HAND HYGIENE OBSERVATIONS

1. Observe for hand hygiene before and after *Patient contact, food contact, restroom break, or eating.*

*Patient Environment definition:*

\*Private or semi- Private rooms = crossing room door

\*Between patients and multi-patient room setting = crossing the 'Curtain line'

2. A provider may use the hand gel dispenser just inside the room door, or soap and water at the sink in the room.

3. Do not observe staff at the desk or computer. Must be involved with patient, handling food, eating or restroom break.

4. DO NOT GUESS. If your view is blocked & you cannot confirm if provider performed hand hygiene simply check 'Unsure' box.

5. Do not exceed 3 observations per person in one session.

6. Hand hygiene should be performed before and after contact. If both observed, then score 2 observations.

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

Observer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Role of observed person						Hand Hygiene Time	Observed Behavior				
#	Unknown	Nurse (RN, LPN, NT)	MD, NP, PA	PCT	OTHER 1=phlebotomy 2=social work 3=transport 4=respiratory 5=PT/OT 6=Nutrition 7=Clergy 8=Visitor/family 9=Radiology 10=Volunteer 11=Student  NUMBER	CIRCLE ONE  BEFORE/ AFTER CONTACT	Blocked view/ unsure	Hand cleaning with Alcohol-based rub	Hand wash with Soap & Water	No hand hygiene	Comments  (for additional comments use back)
	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
1						BEFORE AFTER					
2						BEFORE AFTER					
3						BEFORE AFTER					
4						BEFORE AFTER					
5						BEFORE AFTER					
6						BEFORE AFTER					
7						BEFORE AFTER					
8						BEFORE AFTER					
9						BEFORE AFTER					
10						BEFORE AFTER					