

STOP! WASH YOUR HANDS!



Safer Healthcare Now! in partnership with the Canadian Patient Safety Institute invites you to participate in OUR HAND HYGIENE - STOP! WASH YOUR HANDS DAY ON MAY 6TH, 2013.

ALL-CARE HEALTH & STAFFING SERVICES IS COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN HAND HYGIENE:

We are encouraging all our staff to become fully aware of the importance of hand hygiene.

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IF HANDS COULD TALK... WHAT WOULD THEY SAY?

If Hands Could Talk...

they would tell you that:

- They can offer hope, healing, and comfort
- Then can create, protect, and defend
- They can also be the route of transmission for a number of pathogens.

Here are some examples:

*80% of hospital staff who dressed wounds infected with Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) carried the organism on their hands for up to three hours!

*60% of hospital staff, within 1/2 hour of contact with patients with *Clostridium difficile* infection, were contaminated without even having touched the patient, from merely returning drug charts to the ends of beds!

*In an ICU study, 40% of all patient-nurse interactions resulted in the same species of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* transmission to healthcare workers' hands, lasting up to 150 minutes, even with contact as slight as touching a patient's shoulder!

*Meanwhile, washing with soap and water virtually eradicated these organisms!

"Coming into a new facility as an agency staff member means you must actively take the reins"

EYE ON IT Current Health Care Trends Required Organizational Practices: ROP

A ROP is a specific requirement in the accreditation program. It is essential practice to enhance patient safety and minimize risk! The ROP's relate to patient safety in the following areas:

- CULTURE
- COMMUNICATION
- MEDICATION SAFETY
- INFECTION CONTROL
- WORKLIFE/WORK FORCE
- FALLS PREVENTION

Each ROP has a "road map" by which our organization will base our compliance to these standards. We will be exploring each of these ROP's together as we move forward! Keep in mind...our GOAL is always PATIENT SAFETY!



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"What is the use of running when we are on the wrong side? Direction is more important than speed."

Anonymous