

Hand Hygiene in a Home Setting



1ST CHOICE

Alcohol based hand rub (ABHR)

- Best choice when hands are not visibly soiled.



2ND CHOICE

Wash with soap and water

- When hands are visibly soiled.
- Use liquid soap and paper towel from Hand Hygiene Kit.



3RD CHOICE

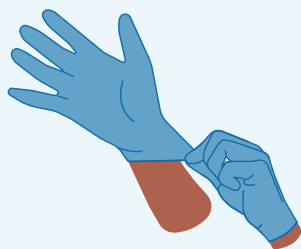
Hand wipe followed by ABHR

- When hands are visibly soiled and no sink available.
- Clean hands with a hand cleansing wipe to remove soiling followed by ABHR.
- Wash hands with soap and water when sink available.



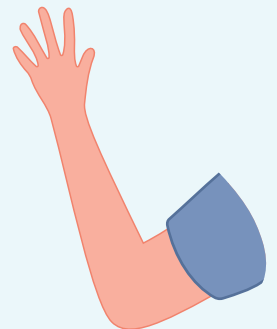
Glove Use

- Use for touching blood, body fluids, mucous membranes and visibly soiled surfaces/items.
- Perform hand hygiene before and after glove use.
- Change gloves before clean procedures and if contaminated.



Stay “Bare Below the Elbow”

- Avoid wrist watches, Fitbits, and hand jewelry.
- Keep nails short and natural.
- Roll up your sleeves or keep them short.



The 4 Moments of Hand Hygiene in a Home



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- When entering the home
- Before client contact

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- Before an aseptic or clean procedure task

Examples: Injections, wound care, mouth care, preparing medications, preparing food, removing or inserting catheters or other invasive devices.

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- After blood & body fluid exposure risk

Examples: Handling materials soiled with blood, fecal material or urine.

Note: Perform hand hygiene after removing gloves.

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- After client contact
- When leaving the home