Your 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene



1	BEFORE TOUCHING	WHEN?	Clean your hands before touching a patient when approaching him/her.
	A PATIENT	WHY?	To protect the patient against harmful germs carried on your hands.
2	BEFORE CLEAN/	WHEN?	Clean your hands immediately before performing a clean/aseptic procedure.
	ASEPTIC PROCEDURE	WHY?	To protect the patient against harmful germs, including the patient's own, from entering his/her body.
3	AFTER BODY FLUID	WHEN?	Clean your hands immediately after an exposure risk to body fluids (and after glove removal).
	EXPOSURE RISK	WHY?	To protect yourself and the health-care environment from harmful patient germs.

4	AFTER TOUCHING A PATIENT	WHEN? WHY?	Clean your hands after touching a patient and her/his immediate surroundings, when leaving the patient's side. To protect yourself and the health-care environment from harmful patient germs.
5	AFTER TOUCHING PATIENT SURROUNDINGS	WHEN?	Clean your hands after touching any object or furniture in the patient's immediate surroundings, when leaving – even if the patient has not been touched.
		WHY?	To protect yourself and the health-care environment from harmful patient germs.



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