

HAND HYGIENE MONITORING FORM

Instructions:

1. Each row is used to record an encounter between one healthcare worker and one patient.
2. An encounter begins when a healthcare worker enters the patient's room or approaches the patient's bedside.
3. The encounter ends when the healthcare worker leaves the room or bedside.
4. An encounter may involve patient contact, environmental contact, or both.
5. Patient contact involves touching the patient's body, gown, or clothes.
6. Environmental contact involves touching the patient's bed or linen, bedside equipment, or other equipment, supplies, articles, or surfaces in the patient bedspace or room.
7. Circle the type of contact that occurred. If there was contact with the patient and the environment, circle both.
8. It is not necessary to record encounters that do not involve any touching, such as only verbal communication between the healthcare worker and patient.
9. *Hand Hygiene Before/After*: Record **Y** if the healthcare worker performed hand hygiene; **N** if not.
10. *Hand Hygiene performed appropriately*: Washing hands with soap and water vigorously between 40-60 seconds OR Rub hands with approved alcohol-based hand rub until all alcohol is evaporated