Hand Hygiene Education and Training

The organization delivers education and training for staff, service providers, and volunteers on hand hygiene.

Guidelines
Hand hygiene is acknowledged as a critical element of an adequate infection control program in healthcare settings. However, adherence to proper hand hygiene protocols is often lacking. Cost estimates of health acquired infections significantly exceed those related to hand hygiene. For example, cost of the hand hygiene promotion corresponded to less than 1% of the costs associated with nosocomial infections.

Training on hand hygiene is multimodal and addresses the importance of hand hygiene in preventing the spread of infections, factors that have been found to influence hand hygiene behaviour, and proper hand hygiene techniques. Training also includes recommendations on when to clean one’s hands, such as before and after each direct contact with a client.

Tests for Compliance
- Education and training on hand hygiene and the hand hygiene protocol is delivered.
- Staff, service providers, and volunteers understand how to apply the hand hygiene protocol.

Reference Material

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