

Hand Hygiene Compliance

It is well known that a simple act, such as hand hygiene, can have the greatest impact on the well-being of our patients. Practicing hand hygiene, is the foundation of an effective infection control and prevention program. Our commitment to keep our patients safe during their stay starts with this simple act, good hand hygiene. We can accomplish this by using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water, before and after every patient encounter.

It is our policy at Trumbull Regional Medical Center to have staff clean their hands both before and after every patient encounter. We also encourage our patients and visitors to clean their hands often to help prevent the spread of infection.

Hand hygiene compliance is a National Patient Safety Goal. At TRMC we take hand hygiene compliance seriously and conduct surveillance throughout each unit each month. We encourage a speak-up culture among our healthcare teams, patients, and families to acknowledge good hand hygiene practices and to speak up and ask health care providers to wash their hands when opportunities are missed.

What are we doing at TRMC to improve hand hygiene?

- Provide continual education on the importance of hand hygiene
- Ensure that supplies necessary for adherence to hand hygiene are accessible
- We make improved hand hygiene an institutional priority, providing administrative support
- We strive for 100 percent hand hygiene compliance for all healthcare workers

