Clinical Skills



Hand Hygiene: Handwashing (AUS and NZ)

Checklist

	S = Sa	tisfacto	ry l	J = Unsatisfactory	NP = Not Performed
Step	S	U	NP	Comments	
Identified the indication/rationale for hand hygiene.	0	0	0		
Inspected the surface of the hands for breaks or cuts and ensured that the arms were bare to the elbow.					
Turned on and adjusted the taps so that the water temperature was comfortable and the water flow was steady.	0	0	0		
Wetted both hands without splashing the surrounding area.	0				
Applied sufficient handwashing solution to create a good lather.	0				

Step	2	U	NP	Comments
 Rubbed the hands together briskly. Washed 15–20 seconds in total by rubbing: palm to palm palm to dorsum of the hand with interlacing fingers; switched hands 				
 palm to palm with interlacing fingers 				
 backs of fingers and knuckles 				
 fingertips rotating in the palm of the hand; switched hands 				
 thumbs; switched hands 				
 wrists; switched hands. 				
Rinsed hands and wrists thoroughly until all traces of the handwashing solution were removed.				
Turned off the taps using the elbow technique and allowed the water to run off the hands with the fingertips pointing upwards.	0	0	0	
Dried the hands, using disposable paper towel, working from the fingertips towards the wrists.				
Discarded the used paper towel into a bin with a foot-operated lid according to local policy.			0	
Moisturised hands with appropriate cream or lotion to maintain skin integrity.	0	0	0	

Learner:	Signature:	
Evaluator:	 Signature:	
Date:		