

Hand Hygiene Compliance

Annual Reporting – 2010

Indicator Definition:

Ontario hospitals are posting their hand hygiene compliance rates as percentages for time periods identified by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{\# of time hand hygiene performed}}{\text{\# of observed hand hygiene indications}} \times 100$$

Hospitals are only required to publicly report the following:

- i. Hand hygiene **Before Patient/Patient Environment Contact**
- ii. Hand hygiene **After Patient/Patient Environment Contact**

2010 Results

	March	April	May	June	July	August
Before Patient/Patient Environment Contact	46%	59%	59%	74%	61%	65%
After Patient/Patient Environment Contact	66%	74%	80%	80%	78%	82%

- SMGH recognizes the need to improve its overall hand hygiene compliance rate and has set a formal target to be at the 95th percentile for compliance across all 4 moments by March 2011.
- SMGH has developed a comprehensive action plan to address the Hand Hygiene compliance rates. Improving our compliance is an organizational priority.
- We are also committed to being transparent. In the interest of assuring patients and the public SMGH will post quarterly updates on hand hygiene to demonstrate our commitment to improving patient safety.

For more information on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's 'Just Clean Your Hands Campaign' visit www.justcleanyourhands.ca.