

Hand Hygiene Observation – Dental Coding Classification Sheet

Code: Type of Healthcare Worker

DO	Dentist, Specialist dentists
DT	Dental therapists, dental hygienist, dental prosthetist and oral health therapists
DA	Dental Assistant/Dental Nurse
DL	Dental Technicians/Laboratory staff (no patient contact)
S	Student, in front of any code, e.g. SDO includes persons undertaking study to become a dentist/specialist dentist, SDT includes persons undertaking study to become dental therapists/hygienists/prosthetists or oral health therapists
N	Nurse (Registered/Enrolled), Midwife
DR	Medical Practitioner
PC	Personal Care staff, includes PSA, AIN, PCW, wardsman, orderly, ward/nursing assistants
AH	Allied Health, includes qualified staff engaged in duties of a diagnostic, or technical nature
D	Domestic, includes staff engaged in the provision of food, cleaning and maintenance services
AC	Administrative and Clerical, includes staff engaged in administrative and clerical duties
BL	Invasive Technician, includes phlebotomists, dialysis technicians etc
O	Other, includes persons not categorised elsewhere

Code: Hand Hygiene Action

Rub	HCW used ABHR
Wash	HCW washed hands with soap and water
Missed	Moment for HH observed but not performed

Code: Glove Use (leave blank if no gloves used)

On	HCW put gloves on
Off	HCW removed gloves
Cont	HCW continued to wear the same pair of gloves

Code: Moments for Hand Hygiene

- After entering the contaminated zone and BEFORE touching the patient in the dental chair**
Before: Shaking hands (with a patient already in the dental chair), assisting patient with safety glasses and bib, placing relative analgesia mask on patient, handing the patient a glass of water, touching any medical device connected to the patient, placing X-ray cone against patient's cheek, handing the consent form to the patient to sign, taking a patient's blood pressure, positioning the patient for X-ray or OPG
Before: Any non-invasive treatment such as assisting a patient to brush their teeth or rinse their mouth, taking a patient's blood pressure, examination of a patient's mouth without using a sharp instrument e.g. only using a mirror
- Before the use of an instrument in a patient's mouth where there is the likelihood of penetration of tissue or cavity; or contact with non-intact mucosa or non intact skin:**
 Before all dental procedures including invasive examinations, restoration/s, extractions
Before preparation and administration of any medications or materials for any oral health/dental procedure:
 Before administering topical medication such as fluoride, topical anaesthetic, local anaesthetic or tooth mousse or restorative materials used for restoration procedure
Before administration of medications where there is direct contact with non-intact mucous membrane
- After any Moment 2 – see Moment 2 above**
After any potential body fluid exposure:
After: Contact with a used instruments and dental appliances, Contact with saliva either directly or indirectly via a cup or tissue, Contact with used specimen jars / pathology samples, Cleaning dentures, Cleaning spills of body fluid from patient surroundings, After touching the outside of suction tubing, After touching surfaces previously handled by contaminated gloves (e.g. the chair side overhead light or X-ray tube), after decontamination of the contaminated zone, including over head light, dental assistant cart, operators cart, dental chair and dental assistants chair
- On leaving the contaminated zone AFTER touching the patient and before moving to the clean zone**
After any Moment 1: see Moment 1 above
- On leaving the contaminated zone AFTER touching the patient's immediate surroundings when the patient has not been touched:**
 Patient surroundings include: Chair, Equipment, Control panel for chair & x-ray, light switches, personal belongings