



Hand Hygiene Observation – Dental Coding Classification Sheet

| Code: | Type of Healthcare Worker (HCW) |
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| DO | Dentist, Specialist dentist |
| DT | Dental therapist, dental hygienist, dental prosthetist, and oral health therapist |
| DA | Dental assistant/Dental nurse |
| DL | Dental technicians/Laboratory |
| S | Student, in front of any code, e.g. SDO includes a person undertaking study to become a dentist/specialist dentist, SDT includes a person undertaking study to become a dental therapist/hygienist/prosthetist or oral health therapist |
| N | Nurse (Registered/Enrolled), Midwife |
| DR | Medical Practitioner |
| PC | Personal care staff, includes Patient Services Assistant, Assistant in Nursing, Personal Care Worker, wardsman, orderly |
| 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 |
| O | Other, includes persons not categorised elsewhere, such as a practice manager |

| Code: | Hand Hygiene Action |
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| Rub | HCW performed hand hygiene using alcohol-based hand rub in accordance with the 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene |
| Wash | HCW performed hand hygiene using soap and water in accordance with the 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene |
| Missed | HCW did not perform hand hygiene in accordance with the 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene |

| Code: | Glove Use (leave blank if no gloves used) |
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| On | HCW put gloves on for a before Moment (Moment 1 or Moment 2) |
| Off | HCW took gloves off as part of an after Moment (Moment 3, Moment 4, or Moment 5) |
| Cont | HCW continued to wear the same pair of gloves from one moment to another without performing HH |

| Code: | Moments for Hand Hygiene |
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| 1 | <p>Before touching a patient: Before: Shaking hands, handing the consent form to the patient to sign, assisting patient with protective eyewear and bib, placing relative analgesia mask on patient, taking a patient’s blood pressure, handing the patient a glass of water, touching any medical device connected to the patient, touching a patient to perform oral X-ray. Before: Any non-invasive treatment such as assisting a patient to brush their teeth or rinse their mouth, examination of a patient’s mouth without using a sharp instrument e.g. only using a mirror.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Before a procedure: Before all dental procedures using 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 – invasive examinations, restorations, or extractions. Before preparation and administration of any medications or materials for any oral health/dental procedure, such as 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.</p> |
| 3 | <p>After a procedure: after any Moment 2 listed above After any potential body fluid exposure: contact with 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 used suction tubing, after touching surfaces previously handled by contaminated gloves (e.g. the chair, overhead light or X-ray tube), after cleaning of the patient zone potentially exposed to body fluid, including overhead light, procedure chair, dental chair and dental assistants chair.</p> |
| 4 | <p>After touching a patient: after any Moment 1 listed above On leaving the patient zone after touching the patient and before moving to the healthcare zone.</p> |
| 5 | <p>After touching a patient’s surroundings: On leaving the patient 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, personal belongings.</p> |