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Infection Prevention Begins at the Front Door: Home Health & Hospice Best Practices

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Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this webinar, the participant will be able to:

- Describe infection prevention and control strategies to protect the staff and prevent the transmission of potentially pathogenic microorganisms in the home.
- Recognize common infection prevention and control challenges related to providing care in the home setting.
- Prepare more effectively for a CMS or accrediting organization survey.



Performing Hand Hygiene When Indicated

Before and after having direct contact with patient

Before performing an aseptic procedure

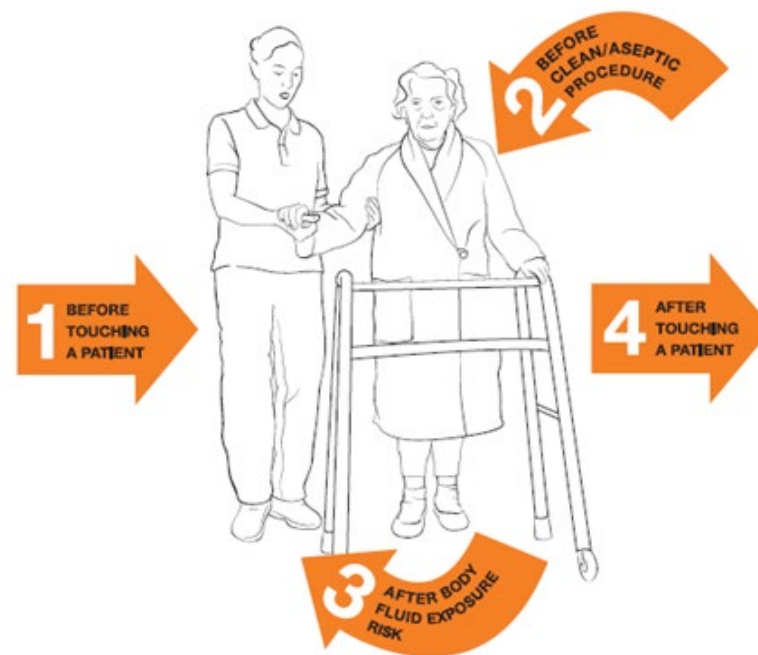
After contact with patient's immediate environment

Before moving from work on a soiled body site to a clean body site on the same patient

After contact with blood, body fluids, or contaminated surfaces

Immediately after glove removal

Your Moments for Hand Hygiene Health care in a residential home



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Performing Hand Hygiene: Using the Correct Technique



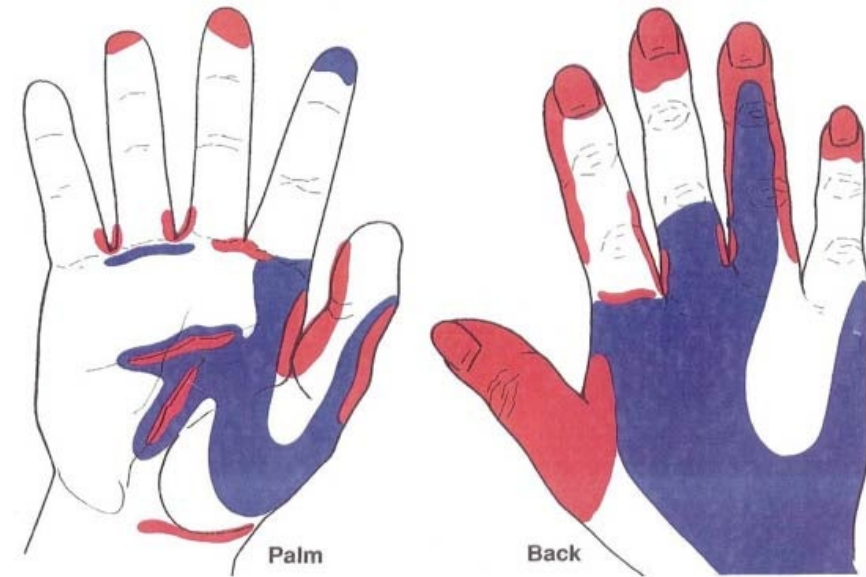
- Handwashing with soap and water:
 - Steps in the handwashing process
 - Insufficient length of time
 - Improper hand drying



Performing Hand Hygiene: Using the Correct Technique

Alcohol-based Hand Rub Product:

- Covering all surfaces of the hands
- Rubbing hands together until dry
- Insufficient length of dry time
- Using when not indicated



■ Frequently missed ■ Most frequently missed

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Hand Hygiene Product Availability

- Possession at the time of the home visit
- Expiration dates
- Hand hygiene supplies
- Purchase considerations
- Using the patient's hand hygiene supplies in the home



Hand Hygiene Product Management

- Partially empty soap container
- Product used
- Alcohol-based hand hygiene:
 - Storage location
 - Expiration dating
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer refill technique
- Paper towel management
- Follow MIFU



Directions

Wet hands thoroughly. Rub product into hands and allow to dry. Do not rinse. Wash hands with water and hand cleanser after every 7-9 applications. For use when hands are not visibly soiled.



Hand Hygiene: Other Considerations

- Jewelry
- Nail polish
- Artificial nails
- Nail tip length



The Home Care Bag

- Unique aspect of care in the home
- Noncritical item
- Fomite for potentially pathogenic organisms
- Minimize the risk that the home care bag is a source of pathogen transmission



Bag Technique: Common Compliance Problems

- Hand hygiene
- Personal protective equipment
- Surface barrier



Can You Identify the Compliance Issues?



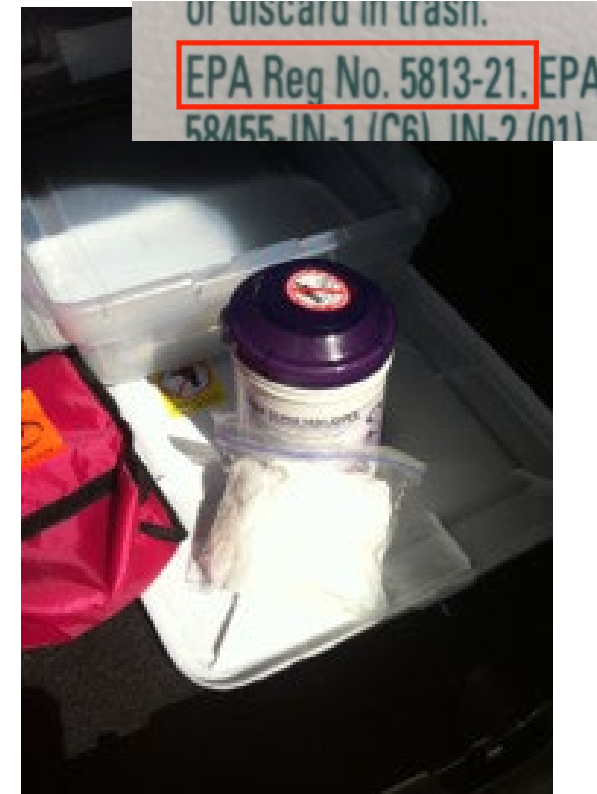
Bag Technique “Myths” & Misconceptions

- Type of bag
- Compartments
- Placement
- Overall management



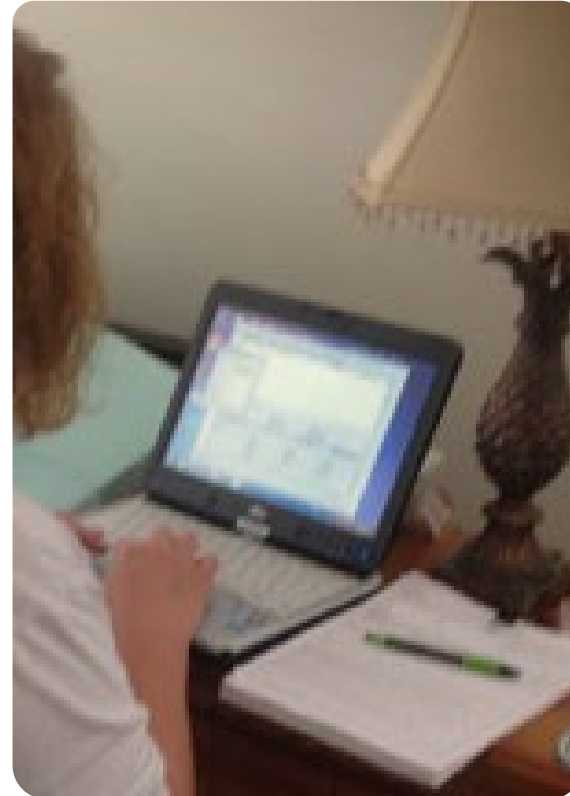
Cleaning and Disinfection: Common Compliance Issues

- Storage:
 - Repackaging/labeling
 - Closure
 - Temperature
 - Expiration date
- Product selected: Antiseptic vs. disinfectant
- Personal protective equipment
- Contact time

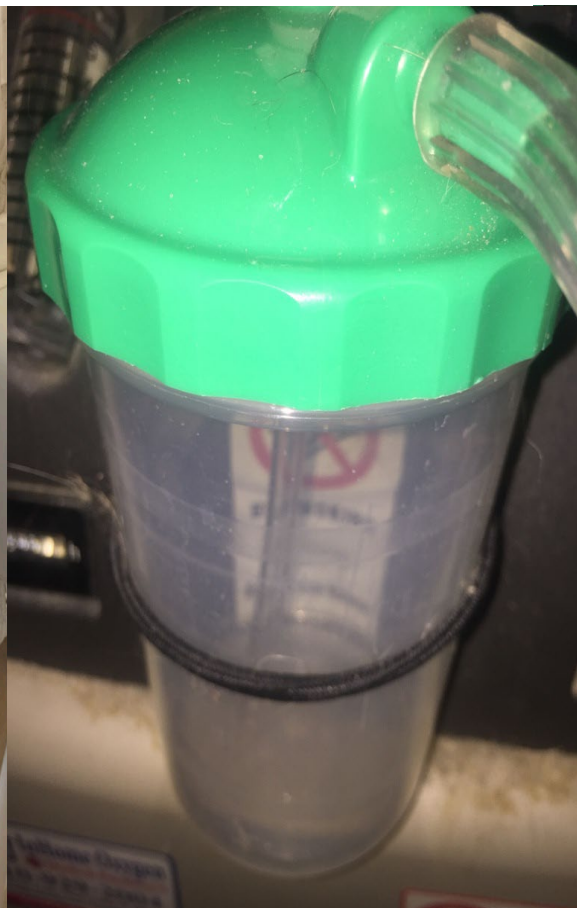
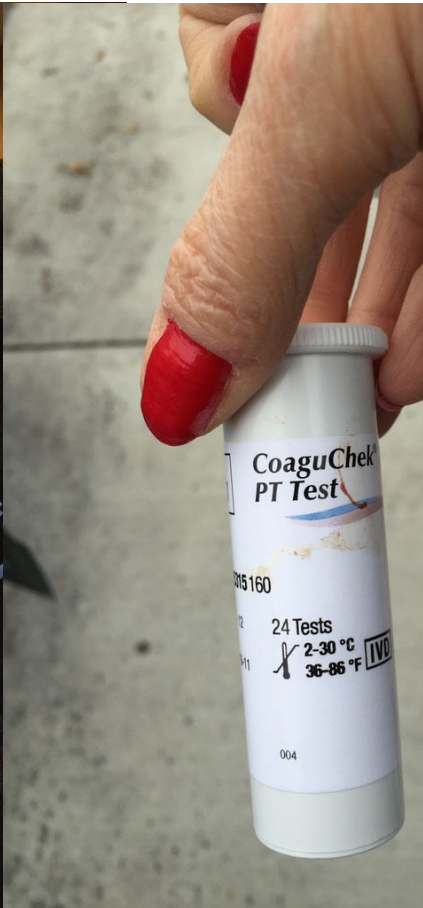


Best Practices for In-home Device Management

- Electronic visit verification
 - Patient's skin contamination
 - Equipment contamination
- Device management
 - Cleaning and disinfection



Can You Identify the Compliance Issues?



Equipment and Supply Management

- Temperature
- Expiration dates
- Trunk stock
- Nursing bag content



Management of Home-generated Medical Waste

- Types of regulated waste generated
- Disposal of regulated waste
- Transport and interim storage:
 - Vehicle
 - Office



Clothing Contamination

- Risk level for types of care
- Preventing cross-contamination via:
 - Scrubs/uniform/street clothes
 - Name tags, identification badges, and lanyards
- Strategies to prevent contamination



Companion Animals in the Home Setting



Home Care Infection Prevention and Control Program™ Implementation



- Local laws and state licensure regulations
- Federal regulations
- Manufacturer's instructions for use
- Evidence-based guidelines
- Other evidence-based national guidelines or, in the absence of such guidelines, expert consensus
- Home care organization's policies and procedures
- Accrediting organization standards



Infection Prevention Begins at the Front Door

- Common problems and infection control breaches
- Infection prevention and control strategies to protect both the staff and the patients
- Best practice recommendations





Questions?

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