Why is **HAND HYGIENE** important?

Sepsis is one of the leading causes of death in hospital patients worldwide. It is a life-threatening condition that arises when the body’s response to infection injures its own tissues and organs.

**REMINDER**

**HAND HYGIENE IS CRITICAL**

FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEPSIS IN HEALTHCARE.

NALHN OVERALL = 79%
PERCENTAGE COMPLIANCE PER MOMENT – DEC 2017

- **MOMENT 1**
  (before touching a patient)
  73%

- **MOMENT 2**
  (before a procedure)
  81%

- **MOMENT 3**
  (after a procedure or body fluid exposure risk)
  84%

- **MOMENT 4**
  (after touching a patient)
  85%

- **MOMENT 5**
  (after touching a patient’s surroundings)
  74%

**NALHN COMPLIANCE PER HEALTHCARE WORKER CATEGORY:**

- **DOCTOR**
  64%

- **ALLIED HEALTH**
  78%

- **NURSE**
  83%

**REMEMBER:**

Hand hygiene must be performed IMMEDIATELY BEFORE and AFTER any procedures – including accessing intravenous devices.

PREVENT SEPSIS IN HEALTH CARE – IT’S IN YOUR HANDS

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