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.

**SALHN: OVERALL = 74%**
**PERCENTAGE COMPLIANCE PER MOMENT – DEC 2017**

- **MOMENT 1** (before touching a patient): 64%
- **MOMENT 2** (before a procedure): 75%
- **MOMENT 3** (after a procedure or body fluid exposure risk): 85%
- **MOMENT 4** (after touching a patient): 81%
- **MOMENT 5** (after touching a patient’s surroundings): 69%

**SALHN COMPLIANCE PER HEALTHCARE WORKER CATEGORY:**

- **DOCTOR**: 60%
- **ALLIED HEALTH**: 76%
- **NURSE**: 78%

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

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