

SOAP VS. ALCOHOL

Hand Hygiene is the **primary means** of preventing transmission of infections, but confusion exists about when **soap** is preferred over **alcohol** hand rubs...

Moments for Hand Hygiene: Soap or Alcohol



- Before and after physical contact with a resident
- Before donning gloves and after removing gloves
- After handling soiled or contaminated items and equipment (including linens)
- Before performing an invasive procedure
- Before handling sterile or clean supplies

Moments for Hand Hygiene: Soap Preferred



- When hands are visibly dirty or soiled with blood and/or bodily fluids
- After care of a resident with known or suspected infectious diarrhea
- Before and after eating or handling food
- After personal use of bathroom