

FHA Mission to Care Hospital Improvement Innovation Network SOAP UP Initiative “Must Do” News – Nov. 3, 2017

Top 10 Checklist for appropriate hand hygiene

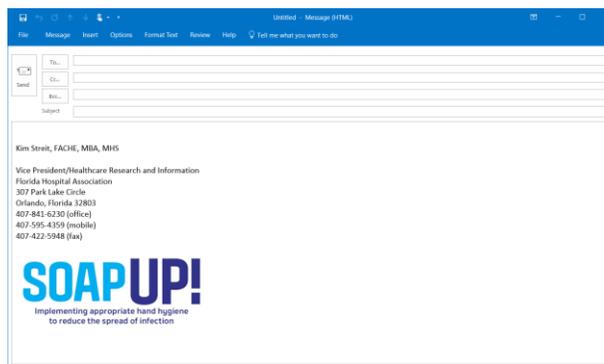
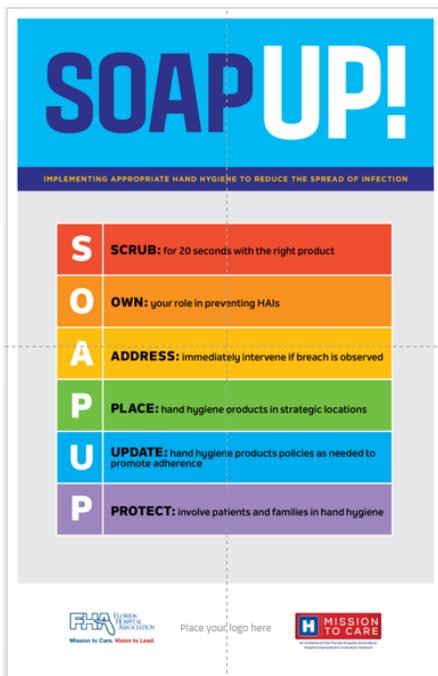
1. **Review policies and procedures for hand hygiene** to assure that they are current and evidence-based practices
2. **Educate all staff in appropriate hand hygiene** - provide training at orientation and at regular intervals for all staff
3. **Assure adequate supplies are available and in the appropriate locations** to support consistent hand hygiene
4. **Conduct observation and surveillance** of hand hygiene as the optimal way to ensure appropriate compliance
5. **Schedule regular, unscheduled observation** of hand hygiene by trained observers
6. **Track and trend compliance** to hand hygiene and share results with all levels of the organization
7. **Use an interdisciplinary team to develop an implementation plan** to improve hand hygiene throughout the organization
8. **Intervene immediately** if a breach in hand hygiene is observed and provide scripts for reminding peers to perform hand hygiene
9. **Promote culture of safety through leadership support and engagement** with reinforcing appropriate hand hygiene practices
10. **Engage patients, families and visitors** to perform hand hygiene, and to speak up if they witness a breach in hand hygiene

[Download the SOAP UP Top 10 Checklist](#) (print-ready format) to use at your facility to review or initiate new interventions for implementing appropriate hand hygiene to reduce the spread of infection.

Campaign Tools You Can Use to Promote SOAP UP

FHA Mission to Care HIIN is excited to be sharing with you the following **SOAP UP** campaign tools that can be customized with your hospital logo and utilized for promotion in your facility. Encourage and support ongoing awareness and the importance of hand hygiene by using these campaign tools!

- Posters [[Download](#)]
- Badge Cards [[Download](#)]
- E-mail Banner [[Download](#)]



Additionally, in the spirit of our continued support of your great efforts, your hospital may request up to **10** pre-printed 11"x17" posters to display throughout your facility – in corridors, breakrooms, nursing units and patient rooms. (A maximum of 10 posters per facility is available: email HIIN@fha.org with your request including the number of posters wanted, contact person and mailing address.)

Podcasts: Handwashing and Healthy Hand Hygiene

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) each have many podcasts available on the subjects of handwashing and healthy hand hygiene to prevent the spread of diseases and infections. **Listen or view these files on your desktop/laptop computer, or download them for your convenience onto a mobile device like a tablet, smartphone or other portable player.**

Check out these Web sites below to get started:

- CDC Audio Podcasts: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/podcasts.html>
- CDC Patient Admission Video (for hospital patients and visitors): <https://www2c.cdc.gov/podcasts/player.asp?f=9467>
- WHO Videos and Podcasts: <http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/video/en/>

Upcoming Educational Event

Send team members to attend a free upcoming event highlighting infection prevention strategies, hand hygiene, reducing patient harm and achieving zero infections. Don't miss out - Contact [FHA HIIN](#) if travel assistance to in-person meetings is needed.

- **Nov. 16, 2017 - Chasing Zero Infections In-Person Meeting: *Connecting the Dots to Reduce Patient Harm: Hot Topics in Infection Prevention***
Signature Grand | Davie, FL (Ft. Lauderdale area)
[Register & View Agenda](#)



How is your Hospital Promoting SOAP UP?

We are interested in learning how your hospital is promoting the SOAP UP initiative.

If you have an innovative and creative approach that you would like to share with your peers, please send in a brief summary, and don't forget to include fun photos, to Cheryl Love, FHA director of quality and patient safety, at cheryll@fha.org.

We look forward to learning more from you and highlighting your hospital in an upcoming SOAP UP communication!

More about the Florida UP Campaign

FHA Mission to Care kicked off the Florida UP Campaign on Oct. 2, 2017, with a special Launch Webinar ([Replay](#) | [Slides](#)) focused on the [HRET HIIN UP Campaign](#) components designed to simplify safe care and streamline interventions, reduce multiple forms of harm with simple and easy-to-accomplish activities and consolidate basic interventions that cut across several topics to decrease harm.

The focus on SOAP UP will run Oct.1 through Dec. 31, 2017, with educational events and access to various resources including posters, badge card templates and social media language. Keep an eye out for these in the *HIIN INFO* e-mail communications! In addition, there are many tools available for hospitals to utilize on the [UP Campaign Website](#).



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