



## FHA Mission to Care Hospital Improvement Innovation Network SOAP UP Initiative “Must Do” News – Dec. 15, 2017

### Hand Hygiene: Sustaining Competency and Adherence

If your organization has a well-established hand hygiene improvement strategy, it is critical to maintain the momentum and sustain the improvements.

Hospitals are likely to already have long-term strategic visions and action plans related to ensuring hand hygiene improvement remains a patient safety priority. Long-term planning will contribute to ongoing awareness raising, and help with continuous improvement.

This week, we are sharing the 5 components of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Multimodal Hand Hygiene Improvement Strategy to help: establish the necessary infrastructure; offer a comprehensive training program for health-care workers; develop plans for regular monitoring and evaluation of hand hygiene and health care-associated infection (HCAI); have clear reminders in the workplace; and have strong and demonstrable leadership and support for your initiatives.

[Sustaining Improvement – Additional Activities for Consideration by Health-Care Facilities](#) from WHO provides suggestions of additional activities and tools that you might consider implementing to build on your achievements, maintain momentum and aid in sustainability.

### CMS Hand Hygiene Video

The [Infection Control: Hand Hygiene Video](#) is available from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Learn about when to wash your hands, the technique to wash visibly dirty hands, and the technique to wash non-visibly dirty hands. (*MLN Connects, Official CMA news from the Medicare Learning Network*)

### Keeping Hand Hygiene “Fresh”!

We are always looking for HIInovative signs or messages you may be using or have used to increase awareness about the importance of hand hygiene. Below are examples that Barb DeBaun, Improvement Advisor, Cynosure Health has collected.



The CDC offers [free printable posters](#) that can be used to help raise awareness about handwashing. They are designed for all audiences, and some are available in multiple sizes.

Best practice sharing is critical to continued improvement. We encourage hospitals to share the creative approaches they've designed to elevate the impact of appropriate hand hygiene. Email Cheryl Love, FHA director of quality and patient safety, at [cheryll@fha.org](mailto:cheryll@fha.org) to be showcased in an upcoming SOAP UP "Must Do" News!

### SOAP UP Campaign Tools You Can Use!

The FHA Mission to Care HIIN has developed various SOAP UP campaign tools that can be customized with your hospital logo and utilized for promotion in your facility to support ongoing awareness and the importance of hand hygiene. Each participating HIIN hospital may request a FREE SET of pre-printed posters to display throughout your facility. Email [HIIN@fha.org](mailto:HIIN@fha.org) with the contact person and mailing address to receive your free posters.

- **Posters** [\[Download\]](#)
- **Badge Cards** [\[Download\]](#)
- **E-mail Banner** [\[Download\]](#)
- **Top 10 Checklist** [\[Download\]](#)

## Other SOAP UP “Must Do” News

In case you have missed any of the earlier *SOAP UP “Must Do”* newsletters, or you would like to share this information with your team ...

- [Tips on Promoting and Implementing SOAP UP](#) (Oct. 12, 2017)
- [Resources to Promote Hand Hygiene to Reduce the Spread of Infection](#) (Oct. 26, 2017)
- [Top 10 Checklist – Tools You Can Use – and Podcasts](#) (Nov. 3, 2017)
- [Hand Hygiene: Track Quietly and Trend Loudly!](#) (Nov. 9, 2017)
- [SOAP UP | Comprehensive Infection Prevention Strategy](#) (Nov. 17, 2017)
- [SOAP UP Must Do News](#) (Nov. 22, 2017)
- [SOAP UP | Hand Hygiene-Drive Drift Down!](#) (Dec. 1, 2017)
- [SOAP UP | National Handwashing Awareness Week](#) (Dec. 8, 2017)

## Florida UP Campaign

FHA Mission to Care kicked off the Florida UP Campaign with the SOAP UP Initiative, which will run Oct.1 through Dec. 31, 2017. Hospitals will be provided with access to educational events, podcasts, innovative ideas and best practices and various tools and resources including posters, banners, templates and social media language to use for promoting the UP Campaign components across your organizations. In addition, there are many tools available for hospitals to utilize on the [UP Campaign Website](#).



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