

## Becoming a Hand Hygiene Auditor

Hand hygiene auditing is an important step in making sure that healthcare workers (HCWs)/professionals (HCPs) are cleaning their hands at the right time. Clean hands protect our patients, residents, clients, families and staff and show that we care about their well-being.

### What does a Hand Hygiene Auditor do?

- Auditors record when HCWs/HCPs clean their hands and the surfaces they touch as they provide care to patients, residents and clients.
- Auditors use an electronic mobile device (tablet, iPad, laptop) to enter what they observe in an app called HandyAudit®.
- Auditors provide hand hygiene feedback to staff.
- Auditors upload hand hygiene audit information to be used for reporting.

### Who can be a Hand Hygiene Auditor?

Anyone interested in becoming a hand hygiene auditor can request to become one. The following skills help make learning and auditing easier:

- Comfort using technology: electronic mobile device (tablet, iPad, laptop) and apps.
- Work with your workplace leadership to organize time for training and auditing
- Comfort and the ability to provide feedback to HCWs/HCPs.

### Auditor Training

You must receive approval and support from your manager/supervisor **before** starting hand hygiene auditor training. Training will include how to use the HandyAudit® app, how to audit, and how to provide hand hygiene compliance feedback.

All 3 steps of training must be completed before becoming an approved auditor. You will be asked to complete all training within a designated amount of time.

- 1 Self-Study** Complete the hand hygiene auditor self-study training package. This contains training videos and reading materials. Click [here](#) to access self-study content.
- 2 Knowledge Assessment** Complete a short online **LMS/Absorb knowledge assessment**. This validates your understanding of how to apply the 4 moments for hand hygiene and use HandyAudit®.
- 3 Hands-on Practice** Schedule a practice session in your clinical area with your Local Audit Champion. On rare occasions this may not be possible, you will need to discuss alternatives with your Local Audit Champion.

*For more information speak to your manager/supervisor or contact your SDO Local Audit Champion.*