

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) to enter what they observe in a bookmarked website 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. Auditors from a variety of health professions will promote widespread acceptance/ participation in activities to improve HH within their area.

Auditors must have a full understanding of the auditing, feedback, and education processes associated with hand hygiene auditing.

The following skills help make learning and auditing easier:

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

For more information speak to your manager/supervisor or contact your Local Audit Lead.