

Hospital Quality Indicators

The hospital quality indicators currently available are reported to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and include heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical infection prevention and patient satisfaction.

View them online: www.orphospitalquality.org/search.php

Hand Hygiene Project

The project involves patients in improving hand hygiene consistency of hospital care providers. Patients will be encouraged to ask care providers if they have washed their hands. The amount of soap/gel/foam used on patient care units will be measured monthly and compared with benchmark data. Reports will be generated monthly to share with staff.

Oregon hospitals that participated in Phase I (June 2007-April 2008) of the project included:

- Sacred Heart Medical Center
- Adventist Medical Center
- Tillamook Hospital
- Mid Columbia Medical Center
- Samaritan Pacific Community Hospital
- Grande Ronde Hospital
- Columbia Memorial Hospital
- Mountain View Hospital
- Providence St Vincent Medical Center

Phase II started June 2008 and includes 12 additional hospitals.

Color-Coded Patient Wristbands Implemented in Oregon

In Oregon, four colors have been adopted to indicate an alert for in patient wristbands. Besides having the standardized colors, the meaning for each band is embossed on the wristband itself. They include:

- **Red** to indicate Allergy
- **Yellow** to indicate Fall Risk
- **Purple** to indicate DNR
- **Pink** to indicate Restricted Extremity

All hospitals utilizing color-coded patient wristbands were asked to standardize to these colors by January 1, 2008. At this time, more than 90% of Oregon hospitals have agreed to standardize to the four colors.



HELP US HELP YOU PREVENT INFECTIONS

Make your medical care safer. Ask your provider and caregivers to wash or sanitize their hands.

Please ask: **“Did you wash or sanitize your hands?”**

Who?

Why?

How?

We need YOU to join our team as a partner in your care. So, ask your doctors, nurses, all your health care workers, and your visitors when in the hospital: “Did you wash or sanitize your hands?”

Hand hygiene is important to prevent the spread of infection to you, the patient.

In our country, 2.5 million patients develop infections each year. This makes them much sicker and their recovery more difficult. Our goal is to keep you safe, and we need your help.

Become a partner with your doctor, nurse, and all the health care workers, by asking them, “Did you wash or sanitize your hands?”

It's OK to ask!