

## Hospital Safe Practices: Surgical Site Infection and Hand Washing

The following questions come from the Leapfrog Group's Hospital Quality and Safety Survey. The Leapfrog Group consists of nearly 200 large private and public organizations that provide health benefits for more than 39 million U.S. employees, retirees and dependents. The Group's goal is to improve health care safety.

The Quality and Safety Survey is based on 30 hospital "safe practices" that were identified by the National Quality Forum. Here is how the hospital responded to the questions on two of those safe practices -- Hand Washing and Surgical Site Infection:

### Safe Practice: Surgical Site Infection

This section of the survey has been omitted because Retreat Healthcare does not provide surgical services. All patients requiring surgery are transported to the closest hospital providing the service, incorporating patient choice in the process.

### Safe Practice: Hand Washing

Decontaminate hands with either a hygienic hand rub or by washing with a disinfectant soap prior to and after direct contact with the patient or objects immediately around the patient.

**Safety Objective:** Prevent person-to-person transmission of infections.

<b>In regard to nosocomial infections related to inadequate hand washing, our organization is:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Aware</b> of OUR performance improvement opportunity in this area in that... we have undertaken an enterprise-wide educational effort addressing the frequency and severity of nosocomial infections within our patient population and potential impact of performance improvement practices related to the absence of or inadequate hand washing, within the 12 months prior to submitting this survey, as documented by meeting minutes and attendance records,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>the organization has performed an enterprise-wide evaluation of the frequency and severity of nosocomial infections AND a summary report with performance improvement recommendations has been submitted to Administration for further action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>the organization commits to undertake a thorough literature review and comprehensive enterprise-wide evaluation of the frequency and severity of nosocomial infections related to the inadequate hand washing. A report with a summary of the readily available improvement opportunities and recommendations in this area will be provided to administration within six months of submitting this survey.</p>
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