

Reduce the spread of viruses and bacteria.

By HumphreyLine

THE GOVERNMENT has issued guidelines urging doctors and nurses to abandon the ritual of washing their hands with soap and water between patients and instead rub on fast drying alcohol gels to kill more germs. The goal: Reduce the hospital spread of viruses and bacteria that infect an estimated two million people in the United States each year and kill about 90,000.

Many hospitals, anticipating the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, have made the change, and studies show this can cut their infection rates in half. Soap and water have been the standard for generations. But washing up properly between each patient can take a full minute and is often skipped to save time, especially in busy intensive care units where the risk of spreading germs is greatest. While the alcohol-based gels and solutions kill more microbes, the main advantage is they are easier to use. With vials clipped to their uniforms, nurses can quickly swish their hands while on the move without stopping at a sink. The CDC estimates this saves an hour in an eight-hour intensive care shift.

In addition, recent research studies published in leading medical journals, demonstrate that using alcohol-based hand

sanitizers is associated with a reduction of the spread of illness among family members. Another study concluded that regular use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers decreased the risk of gastrointestinal illness in hospitalized children undergoing elective surgery. Other research shows decreases in absenteeism due to illness following the implementation of a hand hygiene program using alcohol-based hand sanitizers. In one study done at Federal Express, a 21% reduction was found; in a study of elementary school students, a drop of 51% was recorded; and among students in university dormitories, research found a 40% reduction in absenteeism due to illness.

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