

# What do you do for hand hygiene compliance at **Point of Care**?

*"If you don't make it [hand hygiene products] convenient right there at that second, no one is going to go around the corner and wash their hands. It must be available in the flow of what the employee is doing."*

**William Parks, MD,**  
Chief Medical Officer at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands



**Point of Care** refers to the moments when healthcare workers are in contact with patients and are at the highest risk of spreading infections.

Increase hand hygiene compliance, **improve HCAHPS scores**, and reduce HAIs (healthcare associated infections) with these Symmetry Point of Care items:

**50 ml Tray Table/W.O.W Clip**

**50 ml Suction Cup\***

**550 ml Suction Cup\***

**550 ml Wire Bracket**

**550 ml Anesthesia Cart Bracket**

**50 ml Lanyard**



\* Suction Cups contain Ion Pure, an antimicrobial agent approved by the FDA, EPA, and NSF.

*"The aim of point of care availability is to provide access to hand hygiene products in the 'patient zone' – the location where the patient and healthcare personnel and environment intersect."*

“ A 200-bed hospital incurs \$1,779,283 in annual MRSA infection–related expenses attributable to hand hygiene noncompliance.

**A 1.0% increase in hand hygiene compliance** resulted in **annual savings of \$39,650** to a 200-bed hospital. ”

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## 5 Most Contaminated High Touch Surfaces in Hospitals

*(Infection Control Today):*

- Bed rails
- Bed surfaces
- Supply carts
- Over-bed tables
- Intravenous pumps



## 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene

*(World Health Organization):*

- Before patient contact
- Before aseptic task
- After body fluid exposure
- After patient contact
- After contact with patient surroundings



*"At the point of care – where the risk of cross contamination and infection transmission is high – appropriate hand hygiene resources (soap, paper towels, ABHR) must be within arm's reach."*

**APIC Implementation Guide: Guide to Hand Hygiene Programs for Infection Prevention**

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