

National Patient Safety Agency

HAND CLEANING TECHNIQUES

How to handrub?





Rub hands palm to palm



Rub back of each hand with the palm of other hand with fingers interlaced



Rub with b acks of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked



20-30 sec



How to handwash?

WITH SOAP AND WATER



Rub palm to palm with

fingers interlaced

Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand using rotational movement



Rub tips of fingers in opposite palm in a circular motion



Rinse hands with water



Use elbow to turn off tap



Dry thoroughly with a single-use towel



Rub each wrist with opposite hand





Adapted from WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety 2006

Wet hands with water Apply enough soap to

cover all hand surfaces

