

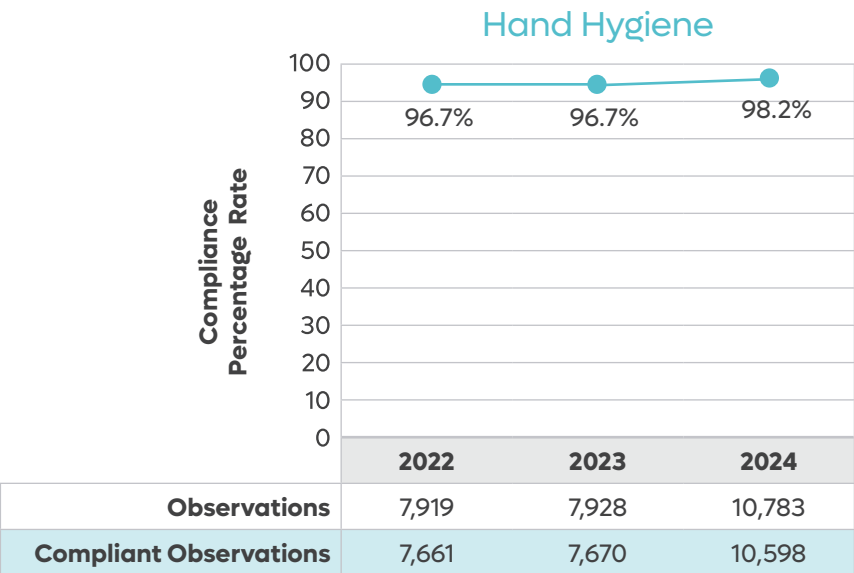
# Hand Hygiene

Hands are the main pathway of germ transmission during healthcare, therefore the most important measure to avoid the transmission of harmful germs and prevent healthcare-associated infection is proper hand hygiene.

## Why is this so important?

According to The Joint Commission, a healthcare accreditation organization, direct observation of staff hand hygiene is the most effective and accurate way to measure hand hygiene compliance.

## How are we doing?



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## How do we measure?

We take hand hygiene very seriously. At Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, all employees are trained to watch how well physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists and other ancillary team members keep their hands clean. They observe any team member entering or exiting a patient room to see if they wash their hands or use antibacterial gel.

## How are we improving?

We use just-in-time coaching to hold staff accountable to proper and timely hand hygiene. Regardless of a team member's role, everyone must practice good hand hygiene to prevent patient illness. We also create awareness of current compliance rates and opportunities for improvement by placing educational posters at key points around the hospital.

We welcome team members and patients/ family members to speak up if they notice someone forgot to wash their hands.



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