Your Moments for Hand Hygiene

Health care in a residential home

1. BEFORE TOUCHING A PATIENT
   WHEN? Clean your hands before touching a patient.
   WHY? To protect the patient against harmful germs carried on your hands.

2. BEFORE CLEAN/ASEPTIC PROCEDURE
   WHEN? Clean your hands immediately before performing a clean/aseptic procedure.
   WHY? To protect the patient against harmful germs, including the patient’s own, from entering his/her body.

3. AFTER BODY FLUID EXPOSURE RISK
   WHEN? Clean your hands immediately after a procedure involving exposure risk to body fluids (and after glove removal).
   WHY? To protect yourself and the environment from harmful patient germs.

4. AFTER TOUCHING A PATIENT
   WHEN? Clean your hands after touching the patient at the end of the encounter or when the encounter is interrupted.
   WHY? To protect yourself and the environment from harmful patient germs.

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