

HIQA overview of hospital inspection activity

Monitoring of measures to prevent and control Healthcare Associated Infections in Irish public acute hospitals

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Inspection process summary

Inspections can be announced or unannounced. Inspections generally start in the Emergency Department (ED) or outpatients department and follow a patient's journey to an inpatient ward.

On-site



On-site review of at least 2 (normally 3) clinical areas. 2 service provider meetings on site. All serious risks are notified.

Report



HIQA drafts report. Draft issued to hospital for factual accuracy review. 5 working days to review / respond. Report published on www.hiqa.ie.

QIP



Hospitals must publish quality improvement plan (QIP) within 6 weeks of HIQA publishing report.

Monitoring

Irish hospitals

1,100,000 ED attendances
2,300,000 outpatient attendances



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54

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November 2012 - December 2013

81% of these were unannounced

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Moments for Hand Hygiene promoted by the World Health Organization

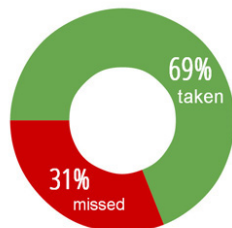


- ★ before touching a patient
- ★ after touching a patient
- ★ before clean / aseptic procedure
- ★ after body fluid exposure risk
- ★ after touching a patient's surroundings

Hand Hygiene

1,499 hand hygiene opportunities were observed during the 54 inspections
These are key moments when staff should wash their hands and / or use appropriate hand-rub gels

Total hand hygiene opportunities



From the opportunities taken



RISK

Observed hand hygiene practice was the most commonly identified serious infection prevention and control risk.



The hygiene inspection programme will remain a priority for HIQA over the next few years



100 recommendations were issued to 10 hospitals



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