



Targeted Solutions Tool[®] (TST[®]) Hand Hygiene



Hand hygiene is critically important to safe, high quality patient care. The Hand Hygiene Project that developed the Hand Hygiene TST[®] focused on improving and sustaining hand hygiene compliance.

What is the TST® for Hand Hygiene?

The Targeted Solutions Tool[®] (TST)[®] is a unique and innovative online application that guides health care organizations through a step-by-step process to accurately measure their organization's true performance, identify their barriers to excellent performance, and direct them to proven solutions that are customized to address their particular barriers.

The Hand Hygiene TST[®] provides the foundation and framework of an improvement method that, if implemented well, will improve an organization's hand hygiene compliance rate and contribute substantially to its efforts to reduce the frequency of health careassociated infections. An estimated 2 million patients get a hospital-related infection every year and 99,000 die from their infection.

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Why organizations should use the TST® for Hand Hygiene

To sustain improvement and make a difference, a simple slogan or campaign is not enough; demanding that health care workers try harder is not the answer. Comprehensive, systematic and sustainable change is the only solution.

Together, the leading hospitals that developed the hand hygiene solutions have achieved and continue to show major and sustained gains in hand hygiene compliance. The TST[®] data collected demonstrate that health care organizations are significantly improving their hand hygiene compliance rates throughout the U.S. On average, organizations have improved 23 percent over their baseline measurements and are sustaining those results. In addition, some organizations have linked use of the TST[®] to a reduction in health careassociated infections.

Health care organizations that are using the Targeted Solutions Tool[®] for Hand Hygiene have:

- Decreased health care-associated infections.
- · Increased hand hygiene compliance in 12 short weeks

Bringing targeted solutions to meet your organization's unique needs

TST[®] modules are now available for improving hand hygiene, hand-off communications, preventing falls, and safe surgery

- Joint Commission accredited organizations can access the TST[®] and solutions free of charge on their secure Joint Commission Connect[®] extranet.
- Non-Joint Commission accredited organizations, contact us at 630.792.5800 or e-mail tst_support@cth.org

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