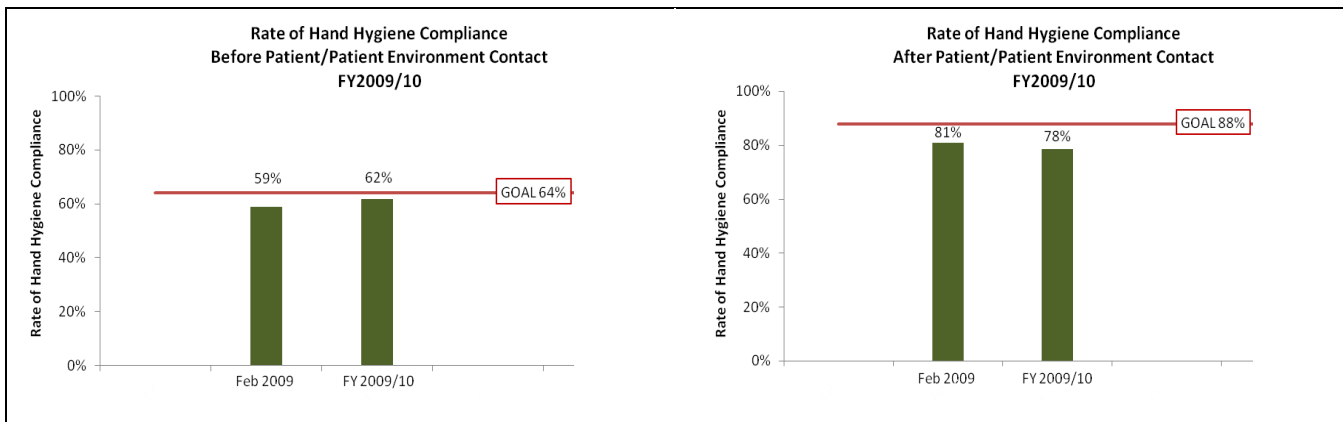


## Hand Hygiene Compliance

Improving hand hygiene, through the appropriate use of alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water, is the single most effective way of reducing the spread of infections.

The Credit Valley Hospital implemented the *Just Clean Your Hands* campaign in April 2008, which is a multi-faceted hand hygiene program. The campaign includes education for health care providers, patients and visitors, as well as an audit process to evaluate the hand hygiene practices of health care providers. Hand hygiene involves everyone in the hospital, including patients. Patients and their visitors should also practice good hand hygiene before and after entering the patient's room.

### Rate of Hand Hygiene Compliance Before & After Patient/Patient Environment Contact



### 2010 - CVH Data

% compliance before initial patient/patient environment contact	61.69%
% compliance after initial patient/patient environment contact	78.49%

### Interpretation:

The rate of compliance *before initial patient/patient environment contact* in 2010 has increased in comparison to 2009. There has been a slight decrease in the rate of compliance for *after initial patient/patient environment contact* in 2010 in comparison to 2009. The Credit Valley Hospital continues to implement strategies to improve hand hygiene compliance and sustain the hand hygiene program hospital-wide by increasing access to hand hygiene resources, enhancing education, and providing timely feedback to stakeholders.