

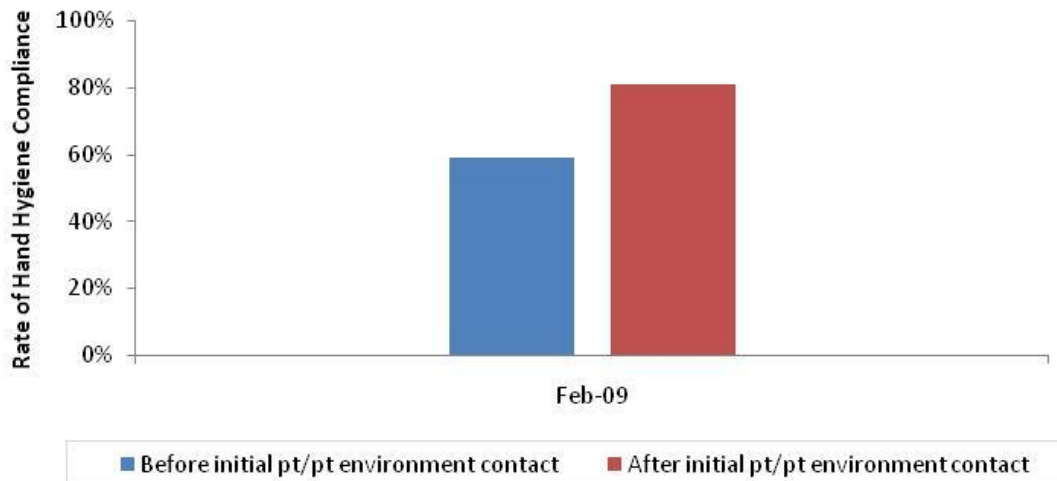
Hand Hygiene Compliance

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



February 2009 - CVH Data

% compliance before initial patient/patient environment contact	59%
% compliance after initial patient/patient environment contact	81%

Interpretation:

Since the implementation of The Credit Valley Hospital Hand Hygiene Campaign, overall compliance has increased by greater than 100%. Ongoing education and monthly data feedback will address practices requiring further improvement.