



HAND HYGIENE IS PRIORITY AT BETHESDA HEALTH CARE

As part of the World Health Organisation (WHO) World Hand Hygiene Day on 5 May 2016, Bethesda Health Care is celebrating this important day through staff education, and visitor information about hand hygiene.

WHO's primary focus for 2016 is improving hand hygiene practices in all surgical services through the continuum of care, from surgical wards to operating theatres, and to outpatient surgical services.

At Bethesda Health Care, hand hygiene is one of the key components in the infection prevention and control program. The program is central to the hospital's commitment to providing high quality health care for patients.

A large display in the hospital foyer features statistics about hand hygiene and the steps taken by staff at Bethesda Health Care to maintaining their commitment to hand hygiene. There is competitions open to staff and visitors plus a special children's colouring-in competition about hand hygiene.

Bethesda Health Care has been utilising Cutan - a foaming alcohol skin sanitiser. Representatives from Cutan will be visiting the hospital for staff information sessions, and to provide giveaways of the popular product.

Libby Oakes, Manager Infection Prevention and Control at Bethesda Health Care said that 'our staff are committed to hand hygiene. Ongoing staff education and collaboration with our doctors is paramount to maintaining hand hygiene practices in all surgical services throughout our hospital'.

The Claremont based hospital's strong commitment to hand hygiene commenced in 2009, when they implemented their hand hygiene project based on the recommendations of WHO and Hand Hygiene Australia (HHA). This included education and training on the "5 moments of hand hygiene" product placement, hand hygiene auditing and feedback.

This project was so successful that Bethesda Health Care was the winner of the Asia Pacific Hand Hygiene Excellence Award 2012/2013.



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For more information about the WHO World Hand Hygiene Day, please visit

http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/EN_PSP_GPSC1_5May_2016/en/

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