



BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE Practice good hand hygiene habits



Improper hand hygiene can lead to increased risks for contamination and SSI throughout the surgical procedure¹

All surgical team members should remember to perform hand hygiene:

- Before entering the OR
- Before touching the patient
- After touching the patient
- After touching contaminated items or equipment
- After removing sterile or non-sterile gloves
- After exiting the OR

Sterile field team members should remember to:

- Perform additional surgical scrub before donning surgical attire
- Wash hands after doffing surgical attire



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Reference: 1. AST Standards of Practice for Surgical Attire, Surgical Scrub, Hand Hygiene and Hand Washing https://www.ast.org/uploadedFiles/Main_Site/Content/About_Us/Standard_Surgical_Attire_Surgical_Scrub.pdf. Accessed March 16, 2023.