

Abstract

This project is about how nurses deal with hand hygiene at two different hospital wards in the Faroe Islands, what knowledge they have about hand hygiene and their conditions to carry it out.

The overall objectives of the project were: What knowledge do the nurses at the two hospital wards have about hand hygiene? What are their conditions to perform the proper hand hygiene? Is there a need to illuminate/focus on the importance of right hand hygiene?

The objectives of the project is to get some idea of what knowledge and conditions to perform nurses have about hand hygiene – to be able to estimate if there is a need to illuminate the importance of right hand hygiene. For this project data has been collected from a quantitative questionnaire where closed answers were used. To analyse the results of the questionnaire, a secondary empiri is used, guidelines from Statens Serum Institut, World Health Organization and hospital hygiene. Also we have used results from researches made of Sile A. Creedon and Didier Pittet. The discussion of the results is done according to Wahlgren et al from the book: *Teori i praksis* and Saugstad et al from the book: *Sundhedspædagogik for praktikere*.

From our conclusion, which is, that the knowledge that nurses have on hand hygiene is not valid with the newest guidelines, but their physical conditions are ok. In our perspective we will come with examples on how learning is performed in an organisation and give suggestions of which concrete steps that can be made to get focus on the importance of right hand hygiene.

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