



Infection Prevention and Control - Sink Splash Zone Audit

Sinks and drains can disperse droplets generated during usage and contaminate items within 2-meters of a sink - the sink splash zone. This audit will assess the sink splash zone for stored items or medications.

Sink Splash Zone Audit
Date:
Location:
Completed by:

Note: Use N/A if not applicable or not assessed

Item assessed	Practice identified			Comments
	Yes	No	N/A	
No items are stored on the sink or adjacent counters				
Patient/resident care items are not stored within 2m of a sink				
If patient/resident care items are stored within the splash zone, a splash guard is mounted beside the sink				
Medications and IV fluids are not prepared within 2m of the sink				
Specimens are not prepared, collected or stored within the splash zone				
Sterile fields are not prepared/used within the splash zone				
Non-critical items (e.g., patient monitoring equipment – BP cuff, ECG leads, tourniquet) is not stored within the splash zone				
Drinks or food are not present within the splash zone				
The sink, tap, faucet, drain and surfaces nearby are cleaned at least daily				
Signage is present to indicate sinks designated as 'hand washing only'				
Drinks, food, medications and nutritional supplements are not discarded in sinks				
Comments:				

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