



TITLE:	INFECTION CONTROL – ANTISEPTIC AGENTS	POLICY 10.03
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PURPOSE:

This policy outlines the use of Alcohol-based Waterless Antiseptic Agent

SCOPE:

All Trouves employees, residents, volunteers and visitors.

POLICY:

The facility policy is to not replace the use of soap and water with waterless antiseptic agents, however it is recognized that there are times when soap and water may not be available and the cleansing of hands is appropriate. When these occasions arise, the following procedure will be followed.

PROCEDURE:

1. Cup hands slightly and apply the amount of sanitizer recommended by manufacturer into the palm of the hand.
2. Rub hands together, covering all surfaces of hands, fingernails, wrists, thumbs, fingers, and between fingers until hands are dry.
3. Be sure to coat all surfaces of the hands thoroughly, including the palms, in between fingers, and under fingernails, the backs of the hands, and around the wrists (this takes about 15 - 30 seconds on average).
4. Wash hands with soap and water after 6 - 10 applications of alcohol-based waterless antiseptic agent.

EXCEPTIONS:

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

SUPERCEDES:

None