

## **System failure versus personal accountability--the case for clean hands.**

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The author argues that a [systems approach](#) to hand hygiene is only useful if providers reliably practice good hygiene.