

Patient-as-observer approach: an alternative method for hand hygiene auditing in an ambulatory care setting.

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In this quality improvement study, patients were asked to report on their physician's [hand hygiene](#) practice, and mirroring results of [prior studies](#), most patients were willing to participate and rated their physicians highly. Patient reports and nurse observations regarding hand hygiene compliance corresponded 87% of the time, leading the authors to conclude that engaging [patients](#) in this role is a feasible method to promote compliance.