

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute, the Canadian Council for Health Services Accreditation, the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association are working together to develop a national hand hygiene campaign, and to improve support to healthcare and public health organizations implementing hand hygiene initiatives across Canada.

The goal is to provide guidance to healthcare decision makers wishing to facilitate the development of successful hand hygiene programs, and thus reduce morbidity and mortality from hospital-acquired infection.

This survey, jointly conducted by the Mount Sinai Infectious Diseases Research Team and the Canadian Patient Safety Institute, is intended to assess the status of hand hygiene adherence and hand hygiene initiatives in healthcare organizations across Canada to help organizations with what initiatives are the most effective, and to help us understand what types of support would be most useful.

We are interested both in the current state of hand hygiene in your facility, and in your experience and opinions about how to improve programs across all organizations. There is a comment field at the end of the survey for any additional comments that you have. All of the organizations involved would also be happy to hear from you at any time about this survey or about how to better support hand hygiene programs. Contact information is appended at the end of the survey.

**The Survey is available on CHICA-Canada's website – [www.chica.org](http://www.chica.org).**

**Please take a few minutes to complete the survey, and help with hand hygiene programs in healthcare across Canada.**

**DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE: FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2007**