

Backgrounder

St. Joseph's Health Care London

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The hand hygiene audit at St. Joseph's was conducted in the summer of 2008.

	<i>Moment 1 compliance Before initial patient/patient environment contact</i>	<i>Moment 4 compliance After patient/patient environment contact</i>
Parkwood Hospital	26.91 %	42.69 %
Regional Mental Health Care London	33.03 %	56.46 %
Regional Mental Health Care St. Thomas	48.55 %	66.07 %
St. Joseph's Hospital	43.68 %	61.54 %

St. Joseph's is stepping up efforts to improve hand hygiene compliance. For example, at Parkwood Hospital care providers from each unit are being trained as hand hygiene champions, so they can leverage their knowledge and enthusiasm for correct hand hygiene practices with their team members.

Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Prevention

St. Joseph's Hospital's SSI prevention rate is 56.52%.

Staff are administering the antibiotics, and we continue to improve our processes to ensure that our patients receive the antibiotics within the ideal time frame. We are also working on better data collection processes, to ensure that our SSI percentages are as high as possible.

For complete information on hand hygiene compliance and surgical site infection prevention rates at St. Joseph's, please visit www.sjhc.london.on.ca and click on "How we perform."

About St. Joseph's Health Care London

St. Joseph's Health Care, London is a major patient care, teaching and research centre with a distinguished legacy of service to London, Southwestern Ontario and the veterans of Canada, dating back more than 130 years. St. Joseph's five key role areas include acute/ambulatory care, complex care and veterans care, long-term care, rehabilitation and specialized geriatrics and specialized mental health care. Facilities and services including St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkwood Hospital, Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care and Regional Mental Health Care London and St. Thomas are part of the St. Joseph's family. Our research arm, the Lawson Health Research Institute, continues to direct their research to the development of new knowledge that is continually being applied directly to patient care. More than 400,000 patients annually receive care from close to 6,000 physicians and staff at St. Joseph's. St. Joseph's is affiliated with the University of Western Ontario.