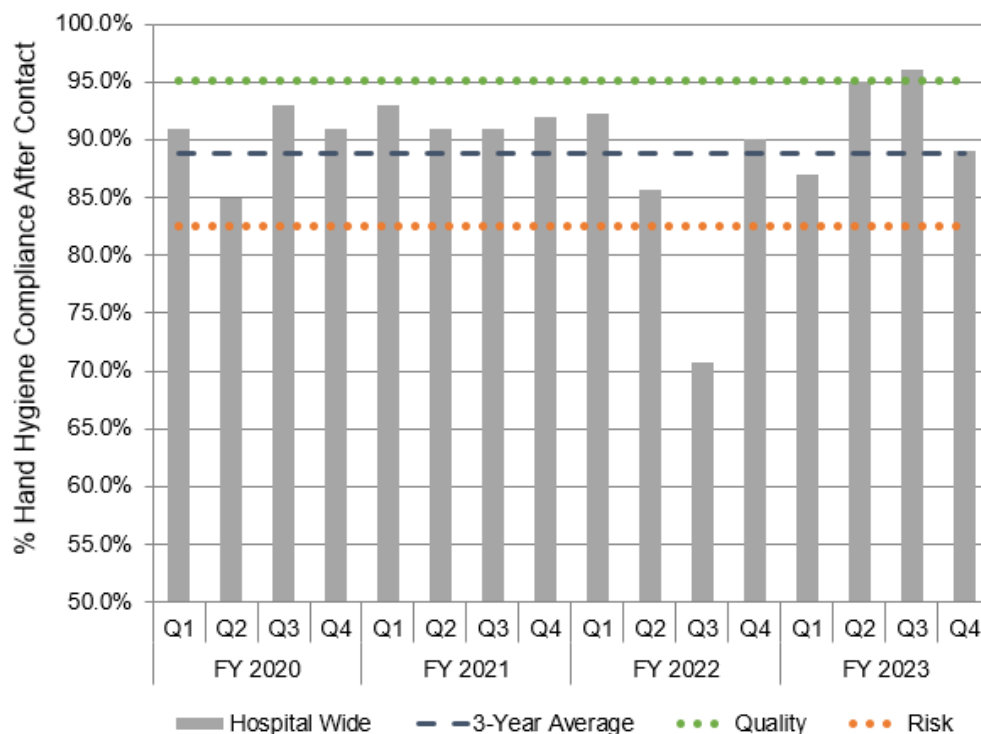
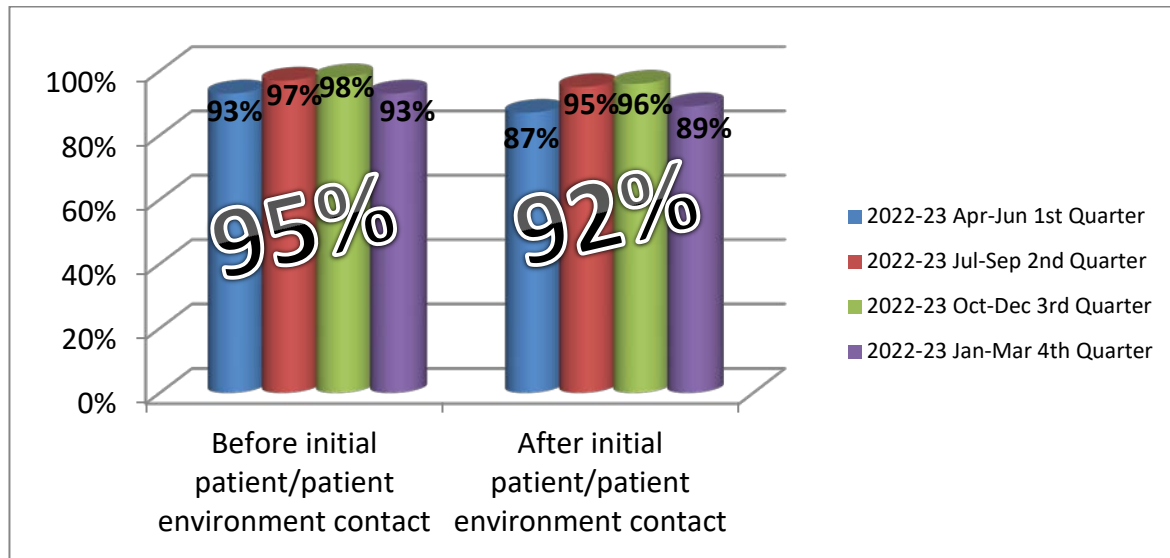


Hand Hygiene Audit Results 2022-2023

Hand Hygiene compliance is a publicly reportable patient safety indicator in Ontario. Hand Hygiene compliance at Homewood Health Centre (HHC) is a key priority indicator in the Quality Management Plan for 2022-23.

On unit, weekly, observation audits are conducted by a dedicated, experienced auditor. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) indicates 300-350 indications for hand hygiene must be observed annually for Homewood data to be reliable. The organization far exceeds this with 1,195 interactions between front-line care providers and patients observed this year. Results are reported annually (mid-April) to the MOHLTC and uploaded on the Homewood website.

Results for 2022-23



Plan for 2023-24

Goal: Maintain hand hygiene compliance at or above the three year average.

Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) will advocate for maintaining hand hygiene compliance at the highest level of quality measures for the institution. This supports a sustained awareness, education and compliance throughout the hospital.

Audit results will continue to be shared and discussed with the Senior Team on a quarterly basis. Unit specific results will be posted in the clinical area for patients, visitors and staff to view. With each update there will be a chance to discuss the results and share opportunities for improvements as appropriate.

Staff will be encouraged to seek immediate, *one-on-one* feedback with the auditor when their practice is being audited.

IPAC will promote effective hand hygiene as a core behavioral and cultural practice for all staff and patients at HHC. Hand hygiene compliance influences the effectiveness of other interventions (treatment of infections, control of infection transmission, outbreak management etc.) Homewood will encourage staff and patients to share accountability for tactfully reminding anyone who was witnessed putting another at risk by failing to practice proper hand hygiene.