Chapter 9

INFECTION CONTROL

PROCEDURE FOR WASHING HANDS:

- 1. Remove wristwatch and/or rings if necessary. Roll up your sleeves. Wash wrist-watch and rings if they come into contact with contaminated material.
- 2. Turn on water and adjust temperature so it is comfortable for you.
- 3. Wet hands thoroughly, including two to three inches above wrists. Hold hands with wrists lower than elbows and fingertips pointed downward.
- 4. Apply a generous amount of soap to hands.
- 5. Scrub hands for at least 15 seconds.
 - a. Wash palms and back of hands with at least 10 circular motions.
 - b. Wash fingers and between fingers with at least 10 circular motions.
 - c. Wash wrists with at least 10 circular motions.
 - d. Wash around and under fingernails.
- 6. Rinse wrists and hands well. Keep wrists lower than elbows.
- 7. Dry hands well with paper towel or fresh clean towel, using one for each hand if possible.
- 8. Turn off faucet with clean, dry paper towel if possible.
- 9. Discard paper towel. Be careful not to touch the part of the towel that touched the faucet.



