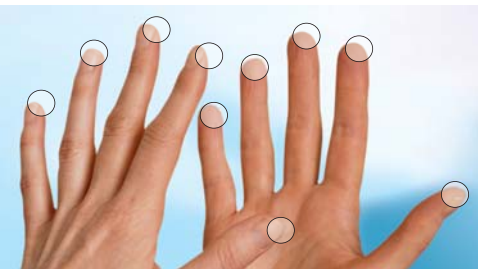




Hygienic hand disinfection



Safe Hands at work



We act responsibly and protect our patients. 30 seconds attention to the thorough disinfection of our hands helps to save lives.

Particular attention has to be paid to fingertips and thumbs. They are of particular importance in clinical practice as they most frequently come into direct contact with patients and potentially contaminated surfaces.

An extensive study (1) showed that disinfecting the hands without explicitly following the known six steps based on EN 1500 (2) not only achieves the same but even better results in covering the hands with hand disinfectant.

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