

# KHC Hand Hygiene Collaborative

## Cohort 2

May 1, 2019 to March 27, 2020

### Introduction

KHC is now launching Cohort 2 of its Hand Hygiene Collaborative. With HIIN funding, and in partnership with Cynosure Health and Qualaris Healthcare Solutions, KHC is offering a collaborative approach to improve hand hygiene in hospitals. The KHC HIIN Hand Hygiene Collaborative offers a collaborative structure, education, coaching, peer-to-peer sharing and free access to an easy-to-use mobile software tool for each participating hospital to use for capturing real-time data for hand hygiene observations.

### How to Enroll in the Hand Hygiene Collaborative

There is no cost for Kansas hospitals participating in the KHC HIIN. Simply fill out the online enrollment form. **Current members of the original Hand Hygiene Collaborative must re-enroll in Cohort 2 by May 31 to stay in the group and avoid disruption of services, including online toolkits and Qualaris software.**

Select this link to enroll in Cohort 2 today!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHC-HIIN-HH-C2-enrollment>

### Kick-off Event

Our 11-month collaborative will kick off with a virtual event at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 3, 2019. Register here:

<https://khconline.adobeconnect.com/khc-hh-050319/event/registration.html>

### Why Join?

Become a part of a statewide learning community of peers who are committed to improving hand hygiene practices and adherence. Objectives include:

- Understanding the fundamentals of hand hygiene and how it impacts harm reduction.
- Creating an aim statement and team-based action plan to improve hand hygiene practices and adherence and to improve patient care and outcomes.
- Applying targeted strategies and tools throughout the collaborative and sharing experiences with peers.
- Collecting, monitoring and sharing hand hygiene adherence data. Submit at least 30 observances per unit monthly to NHSN or QHi.
- Optional: Incorporate free software resources to support meaningful hand hygiene monitoring and real-time data analytics.
- Engaging in the HRET HIIN Up Campaign by designing or implementing "Soap Up" themed interventions.

### About our faculty



**Barb DeBaun, RN, MSN, CIC**  
Improvement Advisor  
Cynosure Health

We are pleased to introduce our new faculty for our Hand Hygiene Collaborative. Barb is an improvement advisor for the AHA/HRET Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN). She conducts performance improvement training, infection prevention program support, and much more. Barb is an active member of APIC and served two years on the APIC board of directors. She also served as APIC's liaison to the CDC's Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC).

## Participant Commitments

By enrolling in Cohort 2 of the KHC HIIN Hand Hygiene Collaborative, your hospital's hand hygiene leaders are committing to be active in the following ways:

- Attend quarterly hand hygiene webinars (May 3, Aug. 16, Nov. 1 and Feb. 7, 2019-20)
- Create and implement a team-based action plan with SMART goals.
- Collect at least 30 hand hygiene observations each month.
- (Optional) Utilize the Qualaris web-based tool for monitoring hand hygiene compliance.
- Submit hand hygiene data monthly to NHSN or QHi.
- Share hand hygiene data with others in your facility.
- Be engaged in learning and sharing with your colleagues and peers.
- Engage in the collaborative's "SOAP UP" list-serv.
- Participate in occasional coaching calls.

## What is Qualaris Health Solutions?

Partnering with Qualaris gives your hospital access to automated tools that help collect Hand Hygiene observations. The web-based audit tool helps your observers easily collect observation data digitally on mobile devices and computers. The system also includes other features, including data analytic reports.



## Hand Hygiene Collaborative Schedule

Quarterly virtual meetings will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the following dates in 2019-2020:

May 3 • August 16 • November 1 • February 7

Webinar registration links will be shared with Cohort 2 participants in a welcome email.

## Additional information

Hospital participants who enrolled in the original KHC Hand Hygiene Collaborative prior to the start of Cohort 2 will need to **re-enroll by May 31** to avoid disruption of services, including access to the Qualaris web-based tool, the Hand Hygiene Collaborative's private webpage, access to the Hand Hygiene online toolkit and participation in the SOAP UP list-serv.

## Questions?

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