

## Hand Washing—A Critical Aspect of Personal Hygiene in Pharma

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Good personal hygiene is a requirement of all pharmaceutical activities, from operating on the line through validations. However, studies show poor compliance as a rule to basic hand washing technique. Poor hand washing technique may result in increased absenteeism, particularly in time of a potential H1N1 pandemic. Limited availability to adequate facilities may lead to poor compliance or poor efficacy of washing if performed. These facilities include appropriately constructed and sourced water supply, soap supply, and perhaps most importantly, adequate provisions for thorough drying...

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