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have put out hand sanitizer and hand washing guide signs above sinks, but monitoring and measuring is a hurdle. It is much easier to maintain and enforce hand hygiene for the usual high-risk environments, like operating and examination rooms.



Our SaniType keyboards, designed for these specific areas, have a 'sanitize for prevention' reminder printed on them."

Next wave of hand hygiene

What's in store for the future of hand hygiene practices and compliance? Homan predicts that technology will advance to allow better tracking of hand washing activity and compliance.

"New wearable technology, for example, is advancing quickly," she noted. "In fact, Apple has recently enabled the iWatch to recognize when you are washing your hands and provided a timer to ensure they are washed for the full 20 seconds. We see this type of advancement being especially useful in acute care facilities, but it will also be helpful in making people mindful of hand hygiene across many different environments, such as schools, offices and sports arenas – and that's really exciting."

Stowe agrees technology must develop and climb to the forefront of hand hygiene in care.

"The next generation of hand hygiene should be fully automated and more accurate than direct observation," she said. "This could be accomplished through the use of enhanced radio frequency identification (RFID) technology. This will be able to track compliance down to the specific person and hand hygiene dispenser and at what specific indication hand hygiene was performed. Future hand hygiene compliance technologies will allow facilities to collect robust hand hygiene observations and monitor intervention effectiveness in real time."

Dombrowski envisions continued focus on disinfecting devices and surfaces touched in public spaces.

"The next generation of hand hygiene is community-based protection. Hand hygiene is personal and can be tricky to enforce in all areas," he stated. "One set of dirty hands using a shared keyboard at a data entry station without cleaning contaminates all the clean hands. Washable keyboards and mice help to combat this human element and reinforce the hand hygiene of the entire hospital. It is hard to monitor and measure personal hygiene. Broadly deploying washable keyboards and mice, a commonly shared surface, becomes a keystone in making a robust infection prevention plan." **HPN**

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