

Nonmedicated “Lotion” Soaps

One of the simplest and most important actions in reducing nosocomial (cross) infections is hand washing. Furthermore, studies indicate that an antibacterial hand cleanser is an important factor in this reduction. Consider the following information from *The New England Journal of Medicine*, Vol. 327, No. 2, “Handwashing Agents and Nosocomial Infections” by Doebbeling Et Al., regarding this subject.

“The results of our study and those reported in abstract form by Maki and Hecht and Massanari and Hierholzer suggest that a reduction in rates of 25 to 50 percent is achievable if an antiseptic hand-cleansing agent is used rather than a nonmedicated soap. Although it is difficult to change hand-washing behavior, we think that infection rates might be similarly reduced through the use of an effective approach to increase compliance by 50 to 100 percent.”

Examples of nonmedicated lotion soaps are abundant in the marketplace. A few of the more common ones are Derma Scrub, Soft-Soap, and Jergens lotion soap.

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