

**Table S1. Indications for hand hygiene according to the WHO and examples.**  
The indications and examples have recently been published<sup>1</sup>

<b>Indications for hand hygiene according to the WHO</b>	<b>Example</b>
<b>After body fluid exposure risk</b>	After contact with urine, feces, blood, secretions, drainage, measuring of temperature
<b>After patient contact</b>	After clinical examination, after care of inpatients
<b>After patient surrounding</b>	After contact with the animal box, the transport box, the treatment table, the examination material, the infusion pump, ultrasound device (when being used), anesthesia device, treatment protocol, patient sheet, water/ feeding bowl
<b>Before clean/ aseptic/ invasive procedure</b>	Before taking blood, setting intravenous access, punctures, changing bandages, manipulating infusion tubes, intubation, parenteral administration of medication, administration of eye drops
<b>Before patient contact</b>	Before the clinical examination, before the care of inpatients

<sup>1</sup>Reference: Schmidt JS, Hartnack S, Schuller S, Kuster SP, Willi B. Hand hygiene compliance in companion animal clinics and practices in Switzerland: An observational study. Vet Rec 2021: e307.