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RHA Central promotes National Infection Control Week – October 17-21, 2011
Are you IN? Get INVolved, provide INput, INitiate change!

Southport - October 12, 2011: Infection Prevention and Control programs have been widely recognized to be both clinically effective and cost-effective in preventing and controlling the spread of infections in health care settings. Ultimately, the most effective way to prevent the transmission of infection is through hand hygiene and effective environmental cleaning. Everyone can help prevent the spread of infections by being involved, providing input and initiating change in their own way.

Washing your hands is an ordinary procedure and does not take a lot of time and effort or thought. You can use soap and water or alcohol based sanitizers. It takes only 20-30 seconds of your time to wash your hands.....

National Infection Control Week will provide Infection Prevention and Control Professionals within healthcare facilities and community settings the opportunity to promote the “**Infection Control – Are you IN?**” theme. Infection Prevention and Control Professionals will be providing multi-modal education and collaborating with other organizations in order to deliver the message that infection prevention and control can be very simple and is most effective when everyone makes the effort.

How are you getting **INVolved?** What **INput** do you give? Is there something you can do to **INitiate** change?

Keep in mind that National Infection Control Week is just the beginning. This invaluable lesson is one that must continue to be taught so that the impact of infections can be minimized.

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