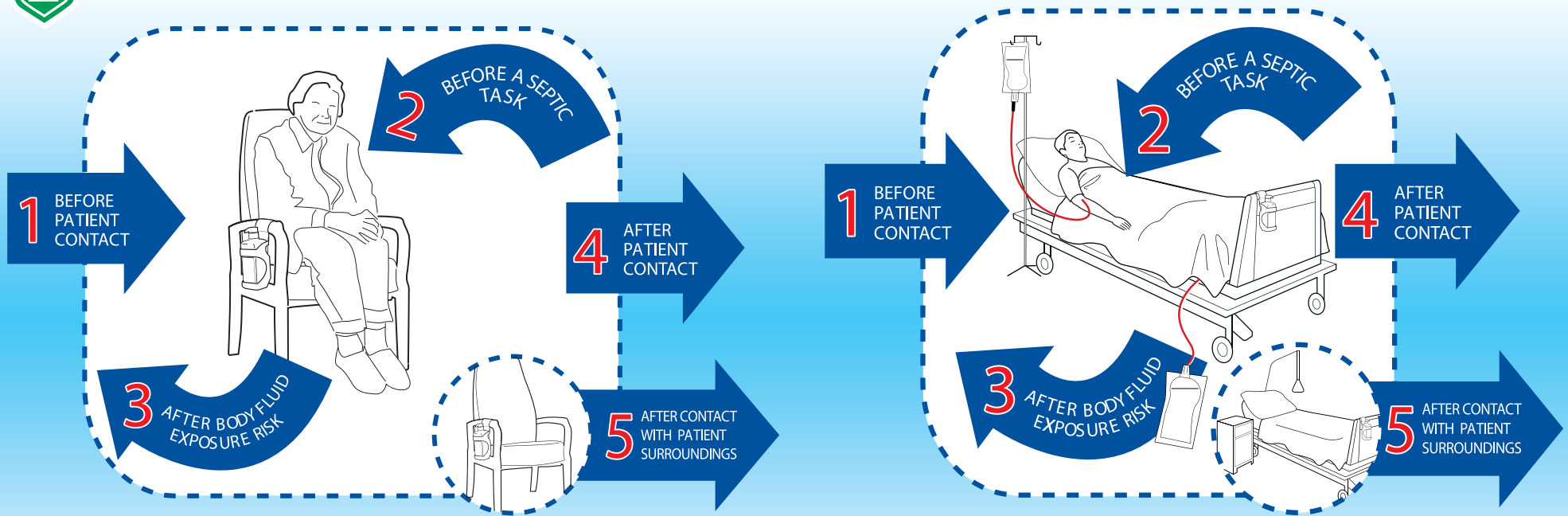




Hand Hygiene Critical Control Points



1	BEFORE PATIENT CONTACT	WHEN? Clean and disinfect your hands before touching a patient. WHY? To protect the patient against harmful bacteria carried on your hands.
2	BEFORE A SEPTIC TASK	WHEN? Clean and disinfect your hands immediately before any septic task (and before wearing gloves). WHY? To protect the patient against harmful bacteria from entering the body.
3	AFTER BODY FLUID EXPOSURE RISK	WHEN? Clean and disinfect your hands immediately after an exposure risk to body fluids (& always after glove removal). WHY? To protect yourself and prevent contamination of the healthcare environment.
4	AFTER PATIENT CONTACT	WHEN? Clean and disinfect your hands after touching a patient and the immediate surroundings. WHY? To protect yourself and prevent contamination of the healthcare environment.
5	AFTER CONTACT WITH PATIENT SURROUNDINGS	WHEN? Clean and disinfect your hands after touching any object or furniture in the patient's immediate surroundings. WHY? To protect yourself and prevent contamination of the healthcare environment.