

Table 3. Mean scores for items on the modified hand hygiene practices inventory

Item	Statement	Mean (SD) score on item	Loading factor
	I cleanse my hands:		
20	after going to the toilet	4.82 (0.50)	0.80
21	before caring for a wound	4.74 (0.51)	0.77
22	after caring for a wound	4.81 (0.43)	0.85
23	after touching potentially contaminated objects	4.72 (0.56)	0.79
24	if they look or feel dirty ^a	4.73 (0.56)	0.78
25	after contact with blood or body fluids ^a	4.84 (0.41)	0.80
26	after inserting an invasive device	4.74 (0.56)	0.78
27	before entering an isolation room	4.59 (0.67)	0.73
28	after physical contact with a patient	4.60 (0.66)	0.75
29	after exiting an isolation room	4.67 (0.62)	0.75
30	before endotracheal suctioning	4.63 (0.67)	0.76
31	after contact with a patient's secretions	4.80 (0.52)	0.81
32	before patient contact	4.51 (0.74)	0.70
33	after removing gloves	4.68 (0.62)	0.74

Scale: 1 = strongly disagree; 5 = strongly agree.

SD = standard deviation.

^aIndicates that the item is reverse coded.