

HAND WASHING TECHNIQUE WITH SOAP AND WATER



Wet hands with water



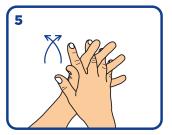
Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces



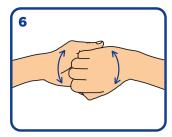
Rub soap into palms (15-30 seconds for entire scrubbing technique)



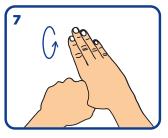
Rub backs of hands with fingers interlaced



Rub palm to palm with fingers interlaced



Work around fingers



Rotational rubbing around thumbs



Scrub finger tips on palm



Rub each wrist



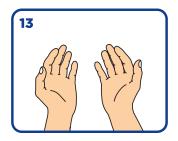
Rinse hands with water



Use elbow or paper towel to turn off tap



Dry thoroughly with a single-use towel



Entire hand washing procedure should take 40-60 seconds

Adapted from World Health Organization Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care 2009