

**TOP PERFORMING  
HOSPITALS IN 2<sup>nd</sup>  
HYGIENE AUDIT  
(Score 85%+)**

St. Luke's Rathgar  
Mullingar  
Eye & Ear, Dublin  
Crumlin  
Nenagh  
St. John's, Limerick  
South Tipperary  
Mallow  
Navan  
Croom  
Cappagh  
The Coombe  
St Luke's Kilkenny  
Lourdes, Kilcreene  
Ennis  
Connolly, Blanch.  
Rotunda  
Cashel  
Kerry General  
Lourdes, Drogheda  
UCH Galway  
Regional Maternity,  
Limerick  
Waterford Regional  
Louth  
Sligo  
St. James' Dublin  
Naas  
Wexford  
Midwest Regional  
Holles Street  
Temple Street

## Hospitals clean up

Hospital hygiene is improving across the country. That's the good news for patients and their families.

Mary Harney launched the first-ever national hospital hygiene audit as part of her A&E Ten Point Plan.

Hygiene is now being checked independently – and unannounced – in 53 hospitals, with league tables published.

Two reports have been published so far.

The second report, 2006, said, “**Almost every hospital has increased its overall score since the first audit – 32 hospitals achieved good standard compared to 5 in the first audit**”.

The number of hospitals rated ‘poor’ was dramatically reduced from 26 to 2 between the first and second audits.

Hygiene standards are assessed throughout the hospital, from A&E to intensive care. And the public can see how well their local hospital is doing.

A third audit is due shortly. The HSE has now launched an advertising campaign to encourage hand-washing by staff and visitors. Infection control is complex and hygiene checks are a key part. Another innovation from Mary Harney.

**For the future:** “We will press for ever-cleaner hospitals until all reach a standard of excellence that is continuously raised higher.” Progressive Democrats Manifesto



**“Patients  
deserve clean  
hospitals. It’s  
about patient  
safety and  
respect.**

**“You can only  
manage what  
you measure.  
Measuring  
hygiene and  
publishing  
the results  
works.**

**“Hand  
hygiene is  
simple and  
effective. We  
can all play a  
part in  
hygiene and  
infection  
control.”**

Mary Harney

# Let's finish the job