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The Revolution of hand-washing



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"One of the most remarkable developments of the last 50 years is the awakening of a sanitary conscience. It is a new thought to many men that the care of the body and cleanliness of surroundings are very considerable factors in the comfort, safety, and even the life and health of their fellow men."

- —Surgeon General Hugh Cumming, 1928.

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Images and Resources on the NIH History website



Washington State Dept. of Social and Health Services, 1985

There are more posters and other images, available through the [Photographs page](#), including the following:

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Also check out our [Posters Exhibit](#), which contains examples of bio-medical posters through the ages.

Current Hand Hygiene Information Resources:

Information about Hand Hygiene in Healthcare settings: <https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/>

Non-hospital handwashing information: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html>



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