Mindful Hand Washing (Sink)

Before You Begin



Stop

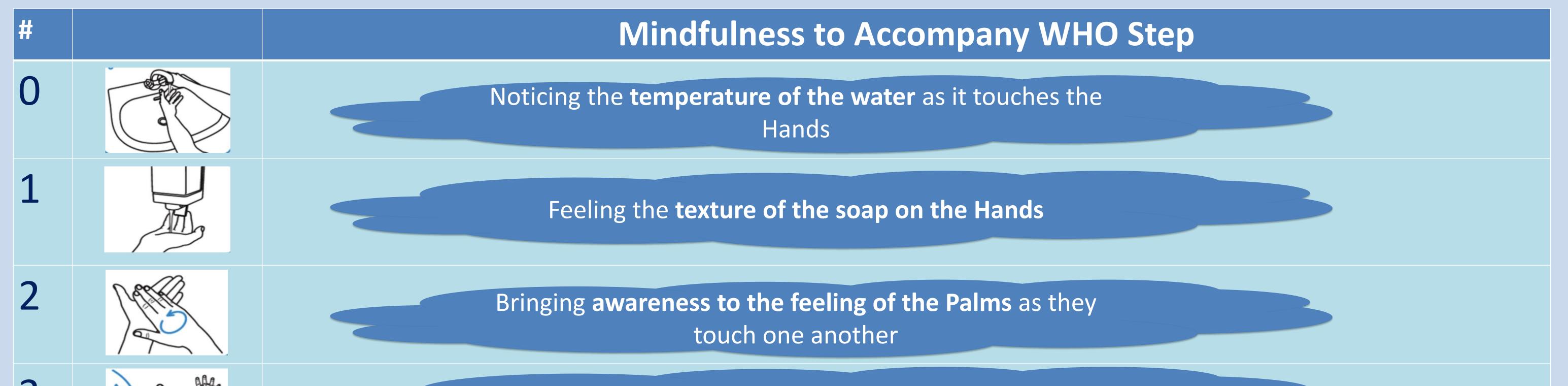
Take a Breath

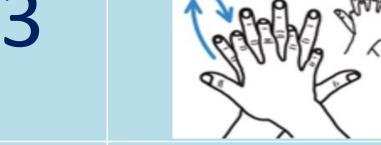
- Observe and Acknowledge what is Here Right Now (feelings & emotions)
- Proceed with the task of Hand Washing, allowing this 40-60 seconds to be an opportunity to step away from autopilot and allow for a moment of self-care and self-awareness

Practicing Mindful Handwashing



The Mind may wander – that's ok... that is what minds do. Noticing the mind wandering is the moment of mindfulness.





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Bringing awareness to the feeling of two Palms touching

Allowing the awareness come to the Clasped Hands, rotating from side to side

Feeling the touch of the Hands and the Thumbs together



Noticing the feeling in the Fingers and Palms as they rub against each other

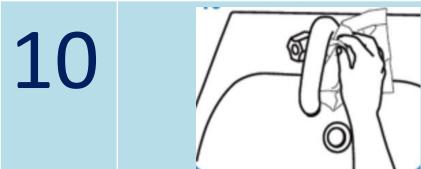


As the water flows over the Hands – noticing its feel, its temperature

Focusing awareness on the sensation of the paper towel



as it touches the Hands



Feeling the sensation in the Hands as you dry the tap with the paper towel



Allowing the awareness return to the body as a whole

Feel your Feet rooted to the floor

Noticing what is Here Right Now



This approach has been developed in the SFI Funded PPE Safe project - collaboration with the nursing team at Bon Secours Hospital, Cork and researchers at the School of Psychology, Trinity College Dublin. For more information: https://www.tcd.ie/cihs/projects/mindfulhandhygiene.php



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