

## "One Squirt is enough" -

How to keep hands in good condition and prevent dry/sore skin.

- Always WET HANDS thoroughly before washing
- Ensure water is warm (neither hot nor cold)
- Obtain sufficient soap for a hand wash by pressing ONCE only
- Follow the six step technique to remove contaminants from all areas of the hands:













- Washing should take 40-60 seconds to complete
- RINSE thoroughly with PHYSICAL ACTION to remove all soap residues from between fingers and the backs of the hands
- Dry hands completely by carefully patting rather than rubbing with a paper towel

## **Don't Forget**

- To help keep skin in good condition, apply moisturising cream before breaks and at the end of the shift
- Washing hands with soap and water before or after using alcohol gel is unnecessary and may lead to dermatitis (WHO, 2009)
- Donning gloves while hands are still wet from either washing or applying alcohol gel increases the risk of skin irritation

If you do have any queries/concerns regarding any dermatological issues please contact GOSH Occupational Health on Ext. 8554.