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## Infectious Disease Specialists Did Not Wash Hands When Leaving Restroom

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Researchers from the New Orleans Department of Health and Tulane University School of Medicine recently reported the handwashing activities of 493 consecutive persons

using public restrooms during the 1993 Infectious Disease Society of America annual meeting. Only 67.7% of those observed washed their hands before leaving the restroom area. Female meeting attendees were more likely to wash (86.6%) than were their male counterparts (56.4%).

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