

WASHCon & WASH FIT: Working in Concert

WASHCon (WASH Conditions) Assessment Tool is...a data collection tool that provides a broad assessment of WASH conditions, infrastructure and resources in healthcare facilities (HCF) in low and middle-income countries. WASHCon measures five core WASH domains in healthcare facilities: water supply, sanitation facilities, hand hygiene facilities, environmental cleanliness and waste management. The tool encourages users to engage with regional and national stakeholders to undertake the assessment, which include surveys, observations, and water quality data. The data are collected on a mobile device and uploaded to a dashboard for data visualization and analysis. The dashboard allows users to view WASH scores by HCF and/or compare data across multiple HCF.

The purpose of the WASHCon tool is to:

1. Develop a **comprehensive** overview of the status of WASH conditions, infrastructure and resources in HCF, contributing to the evidence base for advocacy and action in the area of WASH in HCF.
2. Allow individual HCF to identify which WASH domains are in need of improvement.
3. Provide data to inform and prioritize local and regional programmatic activities to improve WASH in HCF.

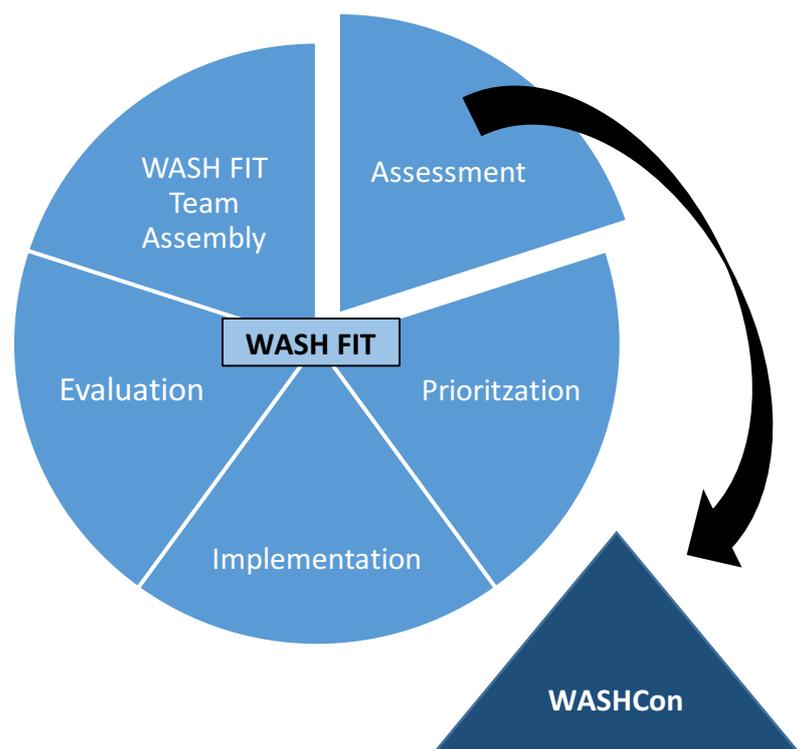
WASH FIT (Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool) is...a practical guide for improving quality of care through water, sanitation, and hygiene in health care facilities. It involves a five-step cycle: creation of a WASH FIT team, assessment, prioritization, implementation, and evaluation. The tool is used at the facility level to help individual hospitals and health centers take ownership of their WASH status, understand the current WASH situation and make phased improvements. WASH FIT covers water, sanitation, hygiene and management.

The purpose of WASH FIT is to:

1. Prioritize and maintain WASH improvements internally within a HCF, focusing on action.
2. Encourage HCF to take improvements upon themselves, through ready-to-use tools and detailed instructions for each step of the WASH FIT cycle.

WASHCon and WASH FIT can be used in concert to complement one another. Specifically, WASHCon can be used within the WASH FIT cycle at the “assessment” step.

By substituting WASHCon for the WASH FIT “assessment” tool, users will achieve several benefits. First, WASH FIT users will be able to quickly identify high priority WASH needs via the WASHCon digital scoring system and dashboard visualization. Second, the WASHCon assessment will provide robust data to optimize the next step of the WASHFIT cycle (i.e. prioritization). Third, WASHCon data can be used for other purposes besides WASH FIT implementation such as reviewing WASH conditions for multiple HCFs or comparing HCFs according to WASH indicators, geographical region, or facility type. Together, the comprehensive WASHCon dataset and the WASH FIT risk based planning focus will provide a systematic approach to designing facility improvements that engages staff and local community members, emphasizing ownership and sustainability.



Comparison of WASHCon (Emory) and WASH FIT (WHO) Tools

| Tool Capabilities | WASHCon | WASH FIT |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Facility Type | ✓ All | ~ Primary Care ¹ |
| Facility Conditions Assessment | ✓ | ✓ |
| Management Assessment | ✓ | ✓ |
| Behaviors Assessment | ✗ | ~ Minor Focus |
| BabyWASH Assessment | ✓ ² | ✗ |
| Implementation Guide | ✓ | ✓ |
| Facility Scorecard | ✓ | ✓ |
| Risk-Based Planning Approach | ✗ | ✓ |
| Guided Facility Improvement | ✗ | ✓ |
| Individual Facility Reports | ✓ | ✓ |
| Multi-Facility Data Comparison | ✓ | ✗ |
| JMP Indicator Comparison | ✓ | ✗ |
| Mobile Data Collection | ✓ | ✓ |
| Data Visualization | ✓ | ✗ |

Notes:

1: WASH FIT can be used in larger facilities, however assessment of surgical wards and other wards where invasive procedures occur are not included in the tool. Efforts are underway to adapt the tool to secondary and tertiary HCF.

2: WASHCon offers a version of the tool with BabyWASH questions, as developed by World Vision.

About the Center for Global Safe WASH at Emory University



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The Center for Global Safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (CGSW) focuses on increasing access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, and appropriate hygiene as part of a global strategy to break the cycle of poverty and disease in developing countries.

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For further information on the WASH FIT tool, visit <https://www.WASHinHCF.org/resources/tools>