

# New Fabric Can Stem MRSA Deaths Increase

The number of deaths linked to the hospital superbug MRSA has risen by nearly a quarter, according to figures released today by the Office for *National Statistics*.

Official data shows that, between 2003 and 2004, the mentions of MRSA on death certificates increased by 22% to 1,168. Worse still, it was cited as the underlying cause on 360 death certificates during the year, up from 195 in 2000.



Commenting on the statistics, Patients Association chairman Michael Summers said, 'We are disappointed by these new figures. It is clear that MRSA and hospital infections are winning the war in many of our wards.'

The results of the report come amid evidence that rates of the MRSA superbug can be slashed through an intensive hospital cleanliness programme. According to the results of a 2003 study by the University College London Hospital, MRSA rates can be dramatically cut by introducing universal cleanliness standards.

More significantly, a Healthcare Commission report published last December estimated that MRSA is killing up to 5,000 people a year in England.

## MRSA Killing Fabric Can Help

However, a new fabric devised by Midlands-based Toray Textiles Europe Limited can kill MRSA and other hospital bugs within one hour of contact.

The new 'See it Safe' fabric contains woven silver thread, and is being deployed in bedding, sheeting, surgical gowns and drapes.

The fabric does not require any special process or procedures to maintain its MRSA killing properties.

## Eliminates Microbial Activity

Three years of continuous R&D lie behind See it Safe, which has been proven to eradicate 99.9% of over 800 micro-organisms in analyses conducted in accordance with recognised standards and testing procedures.

Toray See it Safe is proactive not reactive and, through ionisation of the silver atoms, eliminates microbial activity and destroys all harmful bacteria.

Cross-contamination through airborne, nurse-to-patient and patient-to-patient, mechanisms can therefore be effectively and simply managed.

More information is available at [www.seeitsafe.info](http://www.seeitsafe.info), or by telephoning Toray on 01623 415 000.