

Hospitals Fail Cleanliness Checks

According to a Healthcare Commission report published recently, inspectors have found that two thirds of NHS and private hospitals are failing to meet the highest standards of cleanliness.

The inspectors looked at medical equipment, beds, sinks, bedpans and toilets, as well as outpatient departments and, if appropriate, A&E departments to check for spillages, blood, general stains, debris and dust.

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.

It has been estimated the MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) 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.

Economic Advantage

'Published figures show the average cost of treating a patient falling victim to MRSA during exposure within a hospital environment is £7,000, compared to £2,000 for a non-infected patient. As such, there are significant economic as well as best practice advantages to using See it Safe fabric from Toray. The precious metals they contain really do help save precious lives,' states Mark Andrews, Toray Textiles Business Group Leader.

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