

#### **ANTIMICROBIAL DISPOSABLE CURTAINS**

# A SIMPLE CHANGE MAKESA DBIGGESA DIFFERENCE!

Reduce • Improve • Enhance





# Whatever is there, GET RID OF IT!

Research demonstrates curtains are quickly contaminated, in some cases, within as little as 3 days of hanging, curtains showed increased microbial contamination.\*

MPD Antimicrobial disposable curtains help reduce spread of germs. The constant antimicrobial activity of these curtains has been demonstrated against a wide range of bacteria.

Klebsiella pneumoniae (K. pneumoniae) • Escherichia coli (E. coli) • Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) • Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus faecalis (VRE) • Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureaus bacteria (MRSA) • Staphylococcus aureus (Staph. aureus) • Clostridium (Clostriodiodes) difficile (vegetative)

\*Shek K. et. al. Rate of contamination of hospital privacy curtains in a burns/plastic ward: A longitudinal study. American Journal of Infection Control 2018.

Species	Baseline	After hand hygiene	After handling curtains
Bacillus spp	35	34	37
Micrococcus spp			
Micrococcus luteus	18	8	9
Staphylococcus spp			
Coagulase negative	51	18	29
Staphylococcus aureus	7*	0	2*
Streptococcus spp			
Streptococcus pneumoniae	1	1	0
Other Streptococcus spp	7	0	0
Other gram-positive bacilli <sup>†</sup>	3	2	2
Gram-negative bacilli <sup>‡</sup>	6	3	2
Gram-negative cocci <sup>§</sup>	2	1	0
Total (n)	130	57	81

Number of distinct morphotypes of bacteria isolated from imprints of health care workers' finger pads at baseline, after use of alcohol handrub, and after handling curtains, by species.

\*One imprint with methicillin-resistant *S aureus* (baseline). The 2 postcurtain isolates of *S aureus* were from patients who also had *S aureus* on their hands at baseline. <sup>†</sup>*Bifidobacterium* spp (baseline). *Lisreria seeligeri* (baseline. after hand hygiene), *Microbacterium flavescens* (baseline). and *Paenibacillus* spp (after hand hygiene, after touching curtain). <sup>‡</sup>*Acinetobacter ursingii* (baseline), *Aeromonas sobria* (baseline), *Moraxella osloensis* (baseline, after hand hygiene, after touching curtain), and *Sphingomonas spiritivorum* (baseline, after hand hygiene). <sup>§</sup>*Neisseria subftava* (baseline, after hand hygiene).

Larocque M, Carver S, Bertand A, McGeer A, Mcleod S, Borgundvaag B, Acquisition of bacteria on health care workers' hands after contact with patient privacy curtains. Am J Infect Control 2016; 44:1385-6

#### Reduced cost, injuries and time for terminal clean

#### **Outcomes of 6-month hospital trial**

#### **Hypothesis:**

Leaving disposable antimicrobial curtains in place for 6 months would not increase hospital- acquired infection (HAI) rates.

#### **Methods:**

- · 650+ bed acute care hospital in southern Ontario
- 80 curtains were installed in multi-patient rooms for 6 months
- Curtains changed if damaged, heavily soiled or for hospital C. diff protocol.
- Test period: *April 2018 to September 2018 Reference period: September 2017 to March 2018*

#### **Results:**

- •9 curtains were changed
- No negative impact on HAI rates
- Laundry costs were reduced
- Terminal cleans took less time
- Curtain-related work injuries were reduced

#### **Quantitative results**

#### Laundry costs

1		From April 2018 to Sept. 2018 Using MPD Antimicrobial disposable curtains	Saving (\$)	Saving (%)
	\$1,100 bi-weekly	\$800 bi-weekly	\$300	27%

#### **Curtain-related workplace injuries**

March 2018		From April 2018 to Sept. 2018 Using MPD Antimicrobial disposable curtains	
	5	1	



#### Terminal cleaning time per patient bed (minutes)

From Sept. 2017 to March 2018 Using regular curtains	From April 2018 to Sept. 2018 Using MPD Antimicrobial disposable curtains	Saving (min)	Saving (%)
30	20	10	33%

#### **Staff opinion**

### " Easier to manage

Staff working in the trial zone were asked to complete a **Likert-type scale** with a **range from 1 to 6**.

1 indicated Poor/Worse than re-usable curtains in the hospital and 6 was Excellent/Improved

	Frequency		
• •	1 to 3 rating	5 & 6 rating	
	Negative	Very positive	
Ease of management - overall	1	10	
Installation	1	9	
Laundery / disposal	0	11	
Frequency of attention	0	11	
Time spent	1	10	
Perception - Overall	0	11	

## " Better patient environment

Staff unanimously agreed that the implementation of these antimicrobial disposable curtains had a positive effect on the overall look and feel of the patient environment



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	Negative	Very positive	
lore attractive	0	10	
onsistent	0	11	
ook fresh	0	11	
eassuring	0	11	
rofessional	0	11	
atients feel better	0	11	

Responder: WRH - Environmental Services



#### A positive impact

#### **BEFORE**

**AFTER** 



- Potential cost savings
- Better infection control
- Fewer injuries

- Easier curtain management
- More professional and attractive suroundings
- Less chemicals released in the environment

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