

# The Faecal Quandary – Bedpan Management in a Modern Age

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**"Bedpan Management in a Modern Age"**

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Florence Nightingale 'Lady with the lamp'  
 (12-05-1820 – 03-08-1910)

## 12 May International Nursing Day

- Founder professional nursing
- Advocate improvement of care & hygiene
- Improvement reduced mortality rate from 42% to 2%
- Author books & manuscripts\*

\* Notes on Nursing: What is and what is not  
 \* Notes on Hospitals: Sanitary techniques to medical facilities

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**Do No Harm**  
 Florence Nightingale & Hippocrates

2011

## Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI)

- ± 10% in Hospitals (Netherlands 6,2%)
- > 25% on Intensive Care
- > 25% in Low income countries

Harm what could be prevented

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## Risk Factors HAI

- Antimicrobial resistance
- Human behaviour
- Staff-shortage
- Difference in medical- and nursing care structure
- Resource availability
- Lack of equipment
- Poor decontamination methods
- Deferred maintenance
- Lack of knowledge about the chain of infection

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Breaking the chain with basic precautions Nr.1

## Your 5 moments for HAND HYGIENE

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/>

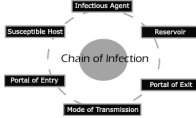
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**Breaking the chain with basic precautions Nr. 2**  
**Cleaning & Disinfection**



Every day, >2.5 billion people suffer from a lack of access to improved sanitation including in healthcare settings

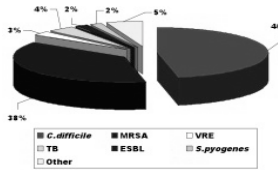
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### Clostridium difficile associated Disease (CDAD)

More cases of CDAD per year (2009: 700 /yr)


Versus:

ALL other bacterial (as Shigella Salmonella etc) enteric pathogens combined (2009: 497 /yr)



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### Faeces 10<sup>14</sup> Micro-organisms

Including Multi Drug Resistant Organisms (MDRO)

- >10% of hospitalized patients may be colonized with *Clostridium difficile*
- Increasing prevalence of multidrug-resistance (MDR) among Gram-negative bacilli (GNB) & ESBL-producing GNB
- Transmission of nosocomial MDR GNB pathogens between patients involves a complex interaction of contaminated surfaces, clothing and hands of healthcare personal

Facing the rising tide of multidrug resistant Gram-negative pathogens. Healthcare Infection 16(1) 1-5 Luke F. Chen<sup>1</sup>, Matthew E. Falagas and Anton Y. Peleg

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### During bedpan management

#### Lots of Opportunities for Transmission & Contamination

- Full Bedpans Contaminate Hands & Environment
- Hands can contaminate Environment & Patients
- Contaminated Environment can contaminate Hands
- Bedpans & Hands can Transmit Microorganisms

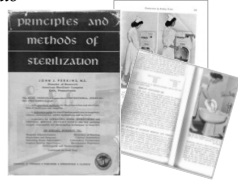
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## Not a new insight

### 1956 Book

John J. Perkins Director of Research American Sterilizer Company


*The objective in the handling of bedpans & urinals is to dispose of the excreta under the most sanitary and least offensive conditions and at the same time to disinfect the utensils*



Surfaces and commodes are often mentioned in literature and lectures, but what about the bedpan?

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### Surfaces & commodes are mentioned



### What about the bedpan?

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### Publications & Bedpans

| PUBMED |      | Topic                                   | AJIC |      |
|--------|------|---|------|------|
| 2008   | 2011 |   | 2008 | 2011 |
| 16     | 20   | Bedpan and infections                   | -    | 22   |
| 12     | 14   | Bedpan and nosocomial infections        | -    | 13   |
| 1      | 3    | Bedpan and hospital assoc. infections   | -    | 19   |
| 0      | 1    | Bedpan and healthcare assoc. Infections | -    | 10   |
| -      | 5    | Clostridium and bedpans                 | -    | 7    |



e.g.: a wash basin from the bedpan-washing room, toilet flush handles, malfunction of the bedpan washer-disinfectors

### Bedpan Survey 2010

- Survey sent by e-mail to 1176 hospitals in 116 countries (2 reminders)
- Questions included:
  - Identify empty and decontamination methods for bedpans
  - Audit sluice rooms
  - Identify if bedpans or Washer disinfectors (WD) has played a role in HAIs
  - Awareness of ISO15883 for WD
  - Specific national guidelines for handling bedpans

Results presented in posters and shall be published

### Bedpan Survey 2010

|     |                                 |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| 122 | unroutable/ untraceable address |
| 42  | no answer, because no WD        |
| 74  | another job career              |
| 21  | no time to answer               |
| 17  | not a subject for us            |
| 15  | not allowed to answer           |
| 11  | wished me good luck, no answer  |
| 9   | language problems               |
| 965 | no reply                        |

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### Responding Hospitals

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Netherlands   | 77 |
| Western Europe  | 34 |
| East & South Europe                                       | 34 |
| Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Mediterranean Region | 58 |
| Australia, New Zealand                                    | 6  |
| USA, Canada   | 25 |

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### Responding Countries: 54

Beds in hospitals 25-2500

|           |    |                |    |             |    |              |   |              |    |
|-----------|----|----------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|---|--------------|----|
| Aruba     | 1  | Czech Republic | 1  | Iraq        | 1  | New Zealand  | 4 | Spain        | 4  |
| Australia | 2  | Denmark        | 1  | Israel      | 3  | Nigeria      | 5 | South Africa | 1  |
| Belgium   | 6  | Egypt          | 12 | Italy       | 11 | Norway       | 5 | Sudan        | 1  |
| Botswana  | 1  | Equador        | 2  | Jordan      | 4  | Oman         | 1 | Sweden       | 8  |
| Brazil    | 1  | Estonia        | 1  | Kosovo      | 1  | Pakistan     | 3 | Switzerland  | 3  |
| Bulgaria  | 13 | Germany        | 6  | Lebanon     | 1  | Puerto Rico  | 1 | Thailand     | 2  |
| Canada    | 9  | Ghana          | 1  | Lithuania   | 2  | Qatar        | 1 | Turkey       | 1  |
| Cameroon  | 1  | Hungary        | 3  | Macedonia   | 1  | Vietnam      | 1 | UK           | 1  |
| China     | 1  | Ireland        | 2  | Malaysia    | 1  | Saudi Arabia | 1 | USA          | 16 |
| Colombia  | 3  | India          | 5  | Malta       | 1  | Singapore    | 1 | Vietnam      | 1  |
| Croatia   | 1  | Indonesia      | 2  | Netherlands | 77 | Slovakia     | 8 |              |    |

• These figures do not represent the world, but give an impression  
• Netherlands 69% reply is the country where I know the hospitals

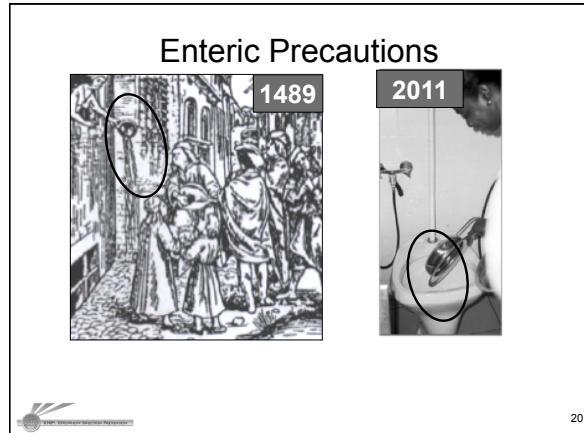
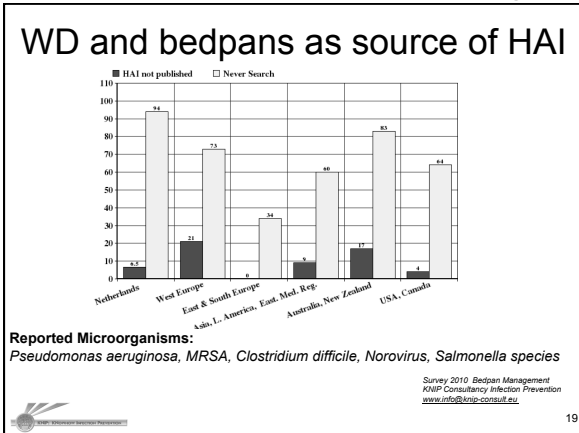
### Responding Hospitals - 54 countries

- 13 Hospitals reported indwelling urine catheter and diaper instead of bedpans
- 65% Nurses, assistant nurses or relatives empty bedpans manually into the toilet or slop hopper; Even with a WD
- 23% take specific measures in case of Clostridium difficile
- Hospitals in Canada & USA:
  - 8% single-use bedpans per stay, regular sprayed or rinsed after use
  - 7% sent bedpans to the central sterile department for final decontamination

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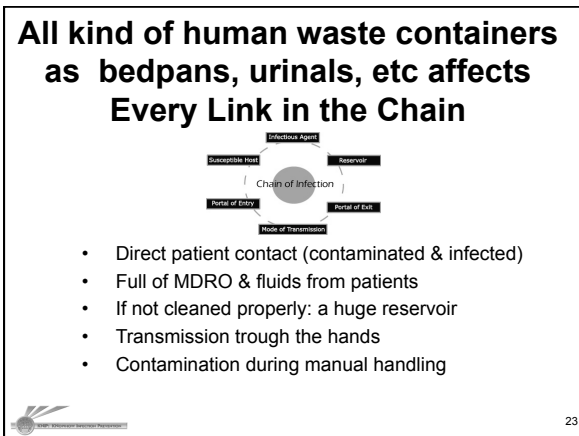
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- ### Basic Precautions
- Every patient must be treated as colonised or infectious
1. Handhygiene & personal hygiene
  2. Cleaning & disinfection procedures
  3. Aseptic technique
  4. Laundry & waste handling
  5. **Careful human waste handling**

- ### WHO Categories of health care waste
1. Pharmaceutical waste
  2. Sharps
  3. Radioactive waste
  4. Genotoxic waste
  5. Chemical waste
  6. Pathological waste
- #### 7. Infectious waste
- Suspected to contain pathogens, from isolation wards, materials or equipment that have been in contact with:
- infected patients
  - excreta contaminated with potentially infectious fluids or blood
- How do we recognize infected patients?**



- ### Guidelines and rules for Bedpan Management
- North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (2003)  
 Rules Governing the Operation of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Adult Care Homes and Other Institutions  
 (15A NCAC 18A 1300)
- Where bedpans are cleaned in patient rooms, minimum bedpan cleaning facilities shall consist of a toilet room with bedpan lugs or spray arms.
  - Where facilities for cleaning bedpans are not provided in patient rooms, bedpans shall be taken to a soiled utility room to be cleaned and disinfected using an EPA registered hospital disinfectant after each use.

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#### Guidelines and rules for Bedpan Management

**Management Clostridium difficile Infection** 2010 UK, Portsmouth NHS Trust


- All urine or faeces should be disposed of in the macerator as rapidly as possible.
- cleaned and disinfected with actichlor plus as described in appendix 1, with careful attention to toilets, bathrooms and sluices, commodes and bedpans.

**Guidance on Prevention and Control of Clostridium difficile Infection in Healthcare Settings in Scotland** 2009 Health Protection Network Scottish Guidance

All care equipment should be carefully cleaned and disinfected using a sporicidal agent (with 1000 ppm hypochlorite) immediately after use on a CDI patient

**Ontario Best Practice Manual Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization in All Health Care Settings** Reviewed and revised February, 2010

Disinfection or sterilization may be reprocessed in a washer-disinfector (e.g., bedpans)



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#### Guidelines and rules for Bedpan Management


**Quality assurance of Flusher and Washer Disinfectors 2009 Local guidelines in Sweden**

- Basic hygiene routines are the most important preventive measures regarding healthcare infections. They must be unconditionally applied in all healthcare situations and by all personnel, regardless of patients' diagnoses and healthcare settings.
- Always disinfect your hands before taking out the clean goods from disinfectors!

**Dutch Guidelines Working Party Infection Prevention (WIP) the Netherlands**

Infection prevention measures for Clostridium difficile: July 2006 Revision late 2011  
In that case a bedpan must be used, which the nurse must then immediately empty, clean and disinfect in a bedpan washer.

Bedpan Washer: July 2007 (1st 1998, update late 2011) <http://www.wip.nl/UK>



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## Decontamination

Process that reduces the number of pathogenic micro-organisms from inanimate objects or skin to a level which is not harmful to health

- Cleaning
- Disinfection
- Sterilisation

The choice depends on:

- Budget
- Knowledge
- Risk of infection to patients & HCW
- Risk for environment
- Risk of damaging the utensils



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## Spaulding's Classification Scheme (1968)


### cleaning , disinfection, sterilization

**Critical Items**  
Affect normally sterile tissues or the blood system and represent the highest level of infection risk. Most of the items in this category should be purchased as sterile Surgical instruments , catheters, probes , etc.

**Semi-critical Items**  
Second in importance and affect mucous membranes and small areas of non-intact skin and represent a high level of infection risk. These medical devices should be free from all microorganisms; however, small numbers of bacterial spores are permissible. Anaesthesia equipment, endoscopes , etc.

**Non-critical Items**  
Items and practices that involve intact skin and represent the lowest level of risk Bedpans, blood pressure cuffs etc.

**One problem with implementing this scheme is: oversimplification**




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### Efficiency of disinfection depends on:

- Material and design of the items
- Organic and inorganic load present
- Level of microbial contamination
- Cleaning episode prior for disinfection
- Reliability of the chosen method
- Exposure time
- Frequency

**To err is human...  
also in decontamination bedpans**



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### Manual Chemical disinfection

- Different (inter)national guidelines
- Frequency not clear
- Product-choice
- Exposure risk
- Time consuming procedure
- Expensive
- False sense of security
- Unpopular task
- No correct use disinfectants
- Microbial contamination of prepared disinfectants?
- Never a standard operated procedure

**NOT a SAFE procedure!**



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### Machinal disinfection preferred

- Standard operated procedure (SOP)
- Thermal disinfection
- Validation
- Continuous monitoring
- More reliable than chemical disinfection
- No residues
- Non-toxic for human beings
- Non-toxic for environment



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### Bedpan Management

1. Patient care
2. Transport to Empty
3. Emptying
4. Flushing
5. Cleaning
6. Loading in WD
7. Disinfection
8. Drying
9. Storage



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### Patient care

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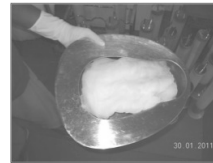


"My aide has a great sense of humor, but you'd never guess it from his bed pan delivery."



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### Transport to empty



**Not as simple  
as we might think**



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### Transport to empty

**OSHA, USA**

Occupational Safety & Health Administration

#### **1910.1030(d)(2)(xiii)**

- *Specimens of blood or other potentially infectious materials shall be placed in a container which prevents leakage during collection, handling, processing, storage, transport, or shipping.*

**Why no precautions  
for transport full bedpans?**



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### Emptying



**Environment often not cleaned afterwards**

- *Some MO survive months on dry surfaces*
- *Some MO survive months moist environment*

***Spores if not cleaned & removed  
can survive***



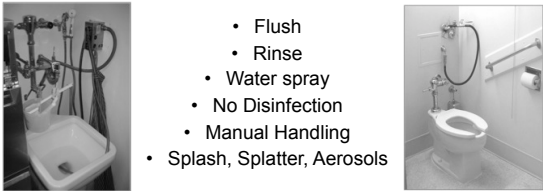
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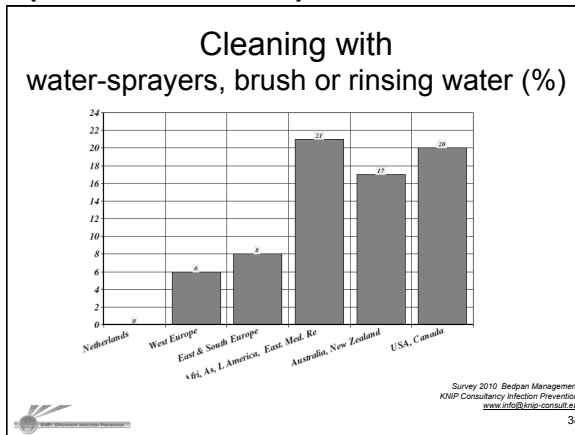
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## Sink & Slop hoppers still in use




- Flush
- Rinse
- Water spray
- No Disinfection
- Manual Handling
- Splash, Splatter, Aerosols

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## Daily Practice Manual Handling



**Risk Healthcare Worker**

- Hands
- Eyes
- Uniforms

**Risk Environment**

- Floors
- Walls
- Surfaces
- Clean items

### Something hardly noticed

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## Cleaning




### Not always safe procedures


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## Manual Cleaning

Only 50% of surfaces is touched by Manual Cleaning



**Will Bedpans 100% touched?**




O.R. after final cleaning MRSA, Venlo 2008


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## Loading WD

*Malpractice*



*Best Practice*

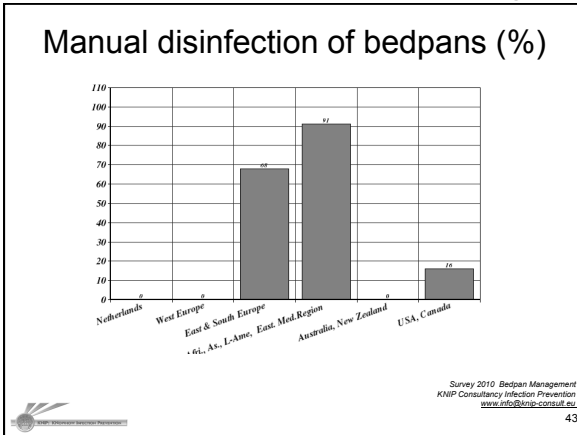


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### Manual handling: Protect HCW from exposure

- Hazard communication
- Proper work practices
- Ergonomics
- Responsibility
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**OSHA, USA : Occupational Exposure**  
means reasonably anticipated skin, eye, mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties.

### OSHA, USA Occupational Safety & Health Administration

*Other Potentially Infectious Materials* means

1. The following human body fluids: semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, peritoneal fluid, amniotic fluid, saliva in dental procedures, any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, and all body fluids in situations where it is difficult or impossible to differentiate between body fluids;
2. Any unfixed tissue or organ (other than intact skin) from a human (living or dead); and
3. HIV-containing cell or tissue cultures, organ cultures, and HIV- or HBV-containing culture medium or other solutions; and blood, organs, or other tissues from experimental animals infected with HIV or HBV.

### Drying

### Potential Reservoirs!

### Storage

- No separation clean & contaminated
- Not much attention
- Full room
- Not recognized

### Sluice rooms differs a lot



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### Risk: Slophoppers



After cleaning

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### Risk: Bedpan sprayers

Aerosolisation of fecal material  
major concern when bedpan sprayers are being used



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### Requirements

#### Dirty utility room / sluice room

- Reasonable distance from patients' rooms
- Hand hygiene dispensers available
- Connection to drainage for WD
- Possibility to separate clean and not clean
- Protection against recontamination
- Easy to maintain and to clean


A well planned sluice room plays a role in infection prevention

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### Audit Dirty Utility / Sluice Room

Minimal once a year Safety Inspection

- Focus on what people DO
- Separation between clean & not clean
- Take photographs
- Use nose and eyes
- Microbial check ?



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### Audit & Feedback WD

| Responsible                                       | Name | Date | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |  |
|---|------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| Score   |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| Cleaning of machine                               |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Inside chamber                                  |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Outside   |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| Cleaning of accessories of patients care articles |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Urinal  |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Urine bottle                                    |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Wash basin                                      |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Kettle/dish                                     |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Instruments                                     |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Suction glass, collecting receptacle etc.       |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| Nozzle control (visual)                           |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Line deposits                                   |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Blockage  |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Spray best (nozzle arms)                        |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| Correct loading of chamber                        |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| Ultimate test                                     |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| Temperature control 2x per year                   |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| Regular maintenance 1x per year                   |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| Repairs   |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Technical problem                               |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Cleaning deficiency items 1-6                   |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| - Same old & obsolete consumables                 |      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |

Beispiel: Berger Maschinenbau GmbH, Score: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

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### 2006: Washer Disinfecter (WD)

#### BS-EN-ISO 15883-Standard Part 1-6

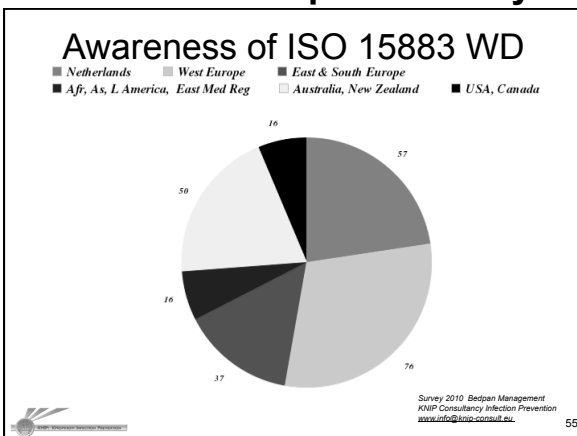
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- Part 5** Test soils and methods for demonstrating cleaning efficacy
- Part 6** Requirements and tests for WD employing thermal disinfection for non-invasive, non-critical medical devices and healthcare equipment

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- **ISO (International Standard Organization)**  
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- **EN** In case European standards are published, national standards are automatically obsolete in the EC member countries
- **BS** British standards publications

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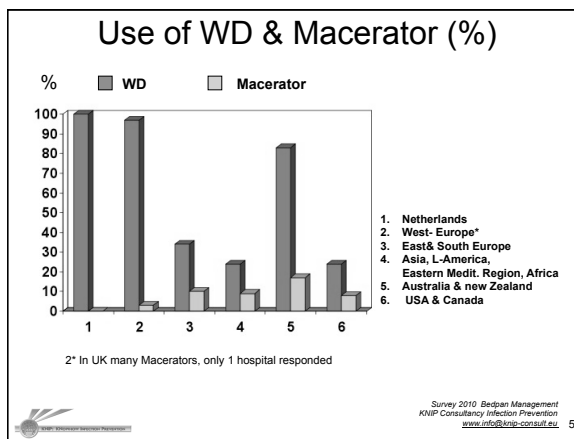
### WD ISO/FDIS 15883 - Part 3 Human waste containers

1. Emptying behind closed door
2. Flushing
3. Cleaning
4. Thermal disinfection
5. Rinsing
6. Drying

**Intended for reusables such as:**

- Bed pans, Urine bottles, Suction bottles etc.

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<http://www.iso.org/iso/home.htm>



### Washer Disinfectors

#### Safe Handling Human Waste at Any Patient at Any Time by Any HCW

- Safer results than manual reprocessing
- Prevention of transmission MRSA, C.diff, & MDRO
- Visual Clean product
- No Odour
- Validated Thermal Disinfection
- Saves Nursing Time
- Easy to use
- Common in North-West European Healthcare
- Protects the HCW from exposure
- Prevents Contamination Environment & Hands

Note: Sufficient Electricity, Water supply and Sewage connection

### Washer Disinfectors

#### Validation & Maintenance to ensure a SAFE cleaning & disinfection

- Steam / hot water
- Water supply
- Monitor temperature
- Monitor duration time
- Loading
- Written record of maintenance must be kept

Minimize Risk *Clostridium difficile* spores

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### Validation & Maintenance in the Netherlands 2010

|  | A%  | B%  | C%  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>Regular Maintenance (N=18)</b><br>A= 1x per year<br>B= 2x per year<br>C= NO                   | 33% | 67% | 0%  |
| <b>Validation (N=18)</b><br>A= Yes<br>B= NO  | 83% | 17% |     |
| <b>Validation done by (N=15)</b><br>A= Manufacturer<br>B= Externalcomp.<br>C= Internal Tech dep. | 54% | 33% | 13% |
| <b>In Contract/ protocol</b>   |     |     |     |
| <b>Kind of measurement Validation (N=14)</b><br>A= Yes<br>B= No<br>C= Unknown                    | 57% | 7%  | 36% |
| <b>Frequency Validation (N=15)</b><br>A= Yes<br>B= No  | 87% | 13% |     |
| <b>Frequency validation</b>  |     |     |     |
| <b>Validation after repair (N=15)</b><br>A= Yes<br>B= No   | 21% | 79% |     |
| <b>Validation after preventive maintenance (N=15)</b><br>A= Yes<br>B= No                         | 64% | 36% |     |
| <b>Periodical Validation (N=15)</b><br>A= Yes<br>B= No   | 36% | 64% |     |


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### Audit & Feedback WD


Cleaning



Loading



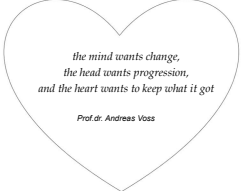
Maintenance



## Who is Responsible?

### Optimize bedpan management

- *Education WD*
- *System change WD*
- *Motivation WD*



*the mind wants change,  
the head wants progression,  
and the heart wants to keep what it got*

Prof.dr. Andress Voss

### Education for handling bedpans

- To all Nurses, housekeeping and cleaning staff
- Regular education & practical training
- Chain of infection & preventive measures
- Risk to contaminate and transmit MO
- Hand hygiene (minimize handling)

- Work together with patient safety department
- Cooperation between healthcare & manufacturers

### Education & protocols in the Netherlands

| N= 18                            |  | A   | B%  |
|----------------------------------|--|-----|-----|
| <b>Education</b>                 |  |     |     |
| Training handling WD             | A= User gets training for handling WD<br>B= User gets <b>no</b> training for handling WD | 94% | 6%  |
| Training loading WD              | A= User gets training for loading<br>B= User gets <b>no</b> training for loading         | 89% | 11% |
| Education handling with error WD | A= User gets training for handling WD<br>B= User gets <b>no</b> training for handling WD | 83% | 17% |
| <b>Protocols</b>                 |  |     |     |
| Instruction card loading WD      | A= available<br>B= <b>not</b> available  | 91% | 9%  |
| User manual WD                   | A= available<br>B= <b>not</b> available  | 50% | 50% |
| Instruction card procedure error | A= aanwezig<br>B= <b>niet</b> aanwezig   | 39% | 61% |

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### System-change for handling bedpans

- Used bedpans must be covered during transport to utility room
- Restriction disinfectants
- Store clean separated from not clean
- WD installed in dirty utility rooms
- *Say YES to system-change*

- Work together with patient safety department
- Cooperation between healthcare & manufacturers

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Machinal Disinfection is preferred

### WHY ?

- Mechanical cleaning (*no hands involved*)
- Thermal disinfection
- Validation
- Continuous Monitoring
- More reliable than chemicals
- No residues
- Non-toxic



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### Motivation for WD

- WDs are safer for Patients & HCWs
- Nurses hands are made for Care  
Not for Manual Emptying & Cleaning Bedpans and Urinals
- Saves time
- Less Odour
- Nurses must realize their specific role
- Nurses can play an important roll in demanding for WD

- Work together with patient safety department
- Cooperation between healthcare & manufacturers



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### Requirements bedpan choice

- Need for patient bound bedpans?
- Comfort for patient & HCW
- Safe transport with lid /cover and firm grip
- Easy to empty, clean & disinfect (seamless)
- Long lasting
- Heat resistant
- No water residue after process

*Bedpan types difficult to carry, clean or dry*



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### Spaulding's Scheme

#### NOT sufficient for handling bedpans

- Bedpans can come in contact with mucous membranes (the genital area) or non-intact skin (decubitus, wounds)
- Full bedpans & urinals are contaminated inside & outside
- Risk during Emptying with splatter, splash and aerosol is not mentioned
- Manual decontamination is never a standard operated procedure (SOP)
- Compliance Hand hygiene is (still) low
- Mis-use and over-use liquid chemical disinfectants



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Urine Catheters & Diapers for  
bedridden adult patients  
without medical indication  
should

**NEVER Replacements  
for Use Bedpans & Urinals**



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### Budget for WD

Bedpan Washers are **Not Yet**  
everywhere on the budget priority list  
DEMAND FOR IT !

1. First they ignore you
2. Then they laugh at you
3. Then they fight you
4. Then **you** win!

*Mahatma Gandhi, India*



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Costs 1 patient with CDAD

**Results: cost vs. re-imburement**

|                                    | Fälle<br>(n = 45) | Kontrollen<br>(n = 135) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| cost per patient (€)               | 53,995            | 47,138                  |
| re-imburement per patient (€)      | 47,888            | 45,734                  |
| financial loss per patient (€)     | 6,107             | 1,404                   |
| financial loss per patient day (€) | 165               | 51                      |

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**Worthwhile to Invest in WD**

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**Resume Bedpanmanagement**

| Issue                 | Manual handling _                     | Machinal handling               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Odour/Smell           | Bad smell                             | No smell                        |
| Emptying content      | Via toilet or slop dropper into sewer | Behind closed doors into sewer  |
| Occupational safety   | Exposure Splash, Spills Aerosols      | No exposure                     |
| Contamination         | Environment, hands                    | No risk                         |
| Flushing              | Splashes, spills, aerosols            | Behind closed doors             |
| Cleaning              | Spraying, soaking, brushing           | 100%                            |
| Disinfection          | No monitored liquid disinfectant      | Monitored thermal >80 °C/ 176°F |
| Effectiveness         | Only 50% affected                     | Standard Operated Procedure     |
| Drying                | (Dirty, wet) Towel                    | Automatically                   |
| Validation process    | No                                    | Yes                             |
| Chemotherapy in urine | Exposure risk HCW                     | No risk for HCW                 |
| Environment           | Chemicals cause risk                  | Environmental protection        |
| Residue Spores C.diff | Possible                              | Reduction factor ≥ 4log.        |
| (Human) Error         | Possible                              | Possible                        |

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## Bedpan Management

- Focus on the current practice of handling bedpans
- Process improvements related to health-economics and methodology
- Develop specific guidelines for handling bedpans with or without WD
- Only validated & maintained WDs are effective for safe decontamination
- More study is needed for the role of bedpans and WD related to HAI
- Awareness rising & implementing WD ISO Standard 15883 for bedpans
- WD prevents healthcare personnel from a nasty unaesthetic job
- Architectural design for sluice rooms with space for WD

**Requirements WD:**  
*Sufficient Electricity, Water supply and Sewage connection*

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*Do no harm includes bedpan management*

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