

MedicCleanAir Press Release – 2003-08-27

Subject:

International Studies show: one in four patients get infected in Intensive Care Units

Title:

Hospital Acquired Infections through air pollution combined with the rising number of patients with immune system deficiencies has become a serious problem in about every hospital all over the world:  
CO-OPERATION between MEDICCLEANAIR and SALEHIYA in SAUDI ARABIA

The risk of infections in the medical environment has become a serious problem in most hospitals and medical centres around the world. In France, more people are infected and die due to hospital acquired infections than due to car accidents. In Germany, the estimated figure of people that get a hospital acquired infection and die goes up to 40,000/year. In the UK, governmental organizations count an estimated figure of 5,000 deaths every year. National and international scientific & medical publications come to the same general conclusions; tremendous social and human losses as well as a large drain on all healthcare (governmental & insurance) resources due to hospital infections.

Airborne infections are easy to acquire through inhalation and those patients that are immune-compromised (such as in ICU's, burn, bone marrow transplant, HIV, cancer patients, pré-borns, etc.) are particularly susceptible.

Airborne contamination in hospitals is a major problem and has always been difficult to solve. Traditional methods to prevent the spreading of airborne infections (such as tuberculosis, aspergillus, chicken pox) have proven to be impractical or are just economic unfeasible. The problem affects patients, hospital staff and even visitors. A hospital is not a place to go to unless it is of the utmost necessity.

MedicCleanAir (Hospital Infection Control Units developed in Switzerland) has launched a unique device that has proven to reduce these risks dramatically. Reduction of airborne infections by more than 80% up to 100% in ICU's and consequently savings of over € 160.000.- per department per year is the result of years of innovation and co-operation with leading medical scientists. Their clinical studies have been published by the Hospital Infection Society and Bone Marrow Transplant, both world leading organisations specialised in monitoring infection control methods.

The MedicCleanAir – organization was founded in 1994 and has recently co-operated with Salehiya Trading Establishment of Riyadh – Saudi Arabia. After the Arab Health Exhibition, held at Dubai in January 2002 and 2003, many medical involved parties of the Arab World have shown their interest.

MedicCleanAir and Salehiya have joined forces to present their innovating devices in this part of the globe. The presence of MedicCleanAir through the participation of

Salehiya in the biggest Health Exhibition, which takes place in Riyadh in April next year, is therefore obvious.

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