


Reduce the Spread of Healthcare Acquired Infections

Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI's) are a costly and often preventable problem for patients and healthcare systems. Annually approximately 2 million patients suffer from HAI's in the US with nearly 90,000 resulting in death. These HAI's result in yearly hospital costs of \$28 to \$45 billion USD (Stone, 2009).

Researchers have identified factors contributing to the prevalence of HAI's, finding "hidden reservoirs" for these infections. One such reservoir is **privacy curtains**, designed to provide privacy for patients in healthcare facilities.

Every visitor to a care area touches a privacy curtain.

A recent study of standard fabric privacy curtains found, not only that the leading edge of a privacy curtain can be a reservoir for bacteria and fungi, but the entire curtain is a reservoir for unwanted microbes (Brown, 2019). Because the cleaning process for privacy curtains is difficult, expensive, and time-consuming, they are not cleaned frequently and remain contaminated, leading to the spread of HAI's.



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Privacy curtains rank as the sixth most touched surface in the hospital room

90%
Within one week, 9 in 10 hospital curtains will be contaminated with pathogenic bacteria, including MRSA and VRE

The EnviroCurtain® Quick Clean Privacy Curtain helps reduce the spread of HAI's:

- **Reduce unwanted microbes and pathogens every day:** Standard curtains often hang, soiled, for months before being laundered. The EnviroCurtain® Quick Clean Privacy Curtain can be cleaned while hanging in place whenever the room is cleaned.
- **The curtain is cleaned every time the room is cleaned:** Reduce the potential for HAI transmission.
- **Cleaning is simple:** Use standard hospital cleaning wipes – more consistent infection control.
- **Cost Savings:** Save time, labor and materials! No more taking down, putting up and laundering curtains.
- **Inventory Control:** No need to maintain extra inventory of standard replacement curtains!

