

Equipment washer help beat bugs

Hospitals using the AquaPhase AQ4000 medical equipment washer have been able to raise their cleanliness star ratings.

For example, when it's time for a ward deep clean at Bedford Hospital all the equipment is decontaminated in the AquaPhase machine allowing staff to deep clean all floor and wall surfaces without anything getting in their way.

All the ward furniture, including beds, chairs, bedside tables and even plastic flowers goes through the washer. In this way the ward is clear for re-opening within 24-hours.

Beds that have been manually cleaned as well as possible are swabbed they can still show a high incidence of MRSA



remaining. Hospitals such as Bedford have a routine ward cleaning programme, continuing around any unforeseen HAI outbreaks, in which all the ward

furniture is processed through the AquaPhase washer.

With the NHS treating an increasing numbers of bariatric patients, Sunderland City Hospital recently added a second AquaPhase washer specially designed to accommodate the larger size beds it expects to purchase over the coming years.

While there are currently no BSI or international standards covering washer-disinfectors for equipment such as hospital beds, a standard (ISO 15663-6)

has been drafted for thermal disinfection.

There are also benefits in low temperature chemical disinfection for many items of equipment that have heat labile components.

Aqua Phase offers low temperature chemical disinfection through the Aqua Phase 4000 range.

More Info. www.aquaphase.com.au



Duo: the units at Sunderland Hospital

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