

# Good hand hygiene – the only way to tackle HAIs

Increasingly, hospitals have been struggling to tackle mutating healthcare acquired infections (HAIs) which continue to affect 1 in 15 hospital patients. The rise in use of antibiotics over the last six decades has meant infections are mutating into new and often untreatable forms.



The new Hygienius MediWash™, an innovative portable hand washing device, has been developed by TEAL Patents – the world's leading manufacturer of portable hand washing units – to directly resolve this ever-growing problem.

TEAL is currently looking to expand its highly-trained network and establish

new relationships with international medical equipment distributors to spread the word that the only way to tackle HAIs is through good hand hygiene practice - washing hands with soap under warm running water.

Manty Stanley, managing director of TEAL Patents, says: "Antibiotics have played a front and central role in the fight against HAIs but superbugs are now mutating into more lethal infections.

"It's widely acknowledged and encouraged by healthcare professionals that, to keep hands clean and infection-free, they must be washed using soap under warm running water. This gold standard of hand hygiene is recognized as the most effective treatment to kill deadly bacteria and infections, 80% of which are spread simply by touch.

"TEAL's Hygienius MediWash™ includes a built-in video, synchronized with the unit's delivery of warm water. This



enables the user, in just over 37 seconds, to follow the necessary 'seven hand rubbing routines' needed to achieve hygienically-clean hands as specified by the World Health Organization.

"We firmly believe that medical professionals, patients and visitors alike, in all hospitals and clinics across the world should have easy access to clean, warm water to effectively wash their hands and ensure hand hygiene takes appropriate importance. Therefore, TEAL is now looking to expand its worldwide offering by partnering with international distributors to provide the necessary care for all."

Designed to be as accessible as possible, the MediWash™ requires no access to mains plumbing or drainage. Instead, it is an entirely self-contained unit, filled with 20 litres of water and capable of delivering up to 80 hot washes.

Mounted on medical-style castors, TEAL has specifically engineered the MediWash™ unit to ensure it can be taken to the point of need – wherever and whenever a hot water hand wash is needed, limiting the risk of infections spreading.

For more information, or if you're interested in partnering with TEAL Patents as an international distributor, please visit [www.tealwash.com](http://www.tealwash.com)

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