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Infection Control Made Ridiculously Simple

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- 1) Infection Control Made Easy
 - Outcome 8 without tears
- 2) Disinfection What Works?
 - The science and the spin fogging, UV, silver, copper...
- 3) Top Tips
 - How to stay compliant and save cash





About Chemex

- Hygiene specialists since 1985
 - Europe, Scandinavia, N America
 - Health, Hospitality, Food, Public, FM
 - Hygiene, infection control, warewash, laundry products
- Not a chemical supplier!
 - Solutions, systems, staff training,
 compliance
- We're in the reputation business











Our Clients

































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Reputation

- Ambulance Sector
 - The CQC
 - Lazy journalists
 - Unregistered providers
- The next scandal?





Failure to properly inspect private ambulance services puts vulnerable people in peril

DOZENS of private ambulance companies have never been incompanies health regulator, leaving some of the most vulnerable been revealed.











CQC Outcome 8

- You cannot afford to get this wrong
 - "People experience care in a clean environment, and are protected from acquiring infections"
 - Regulation 12 looks complex but is easier than you think
- Cost of non-compliance is high
 - It's all a matter of public record



Dirty ambulances 'infection risk'

An inspection has revealed the

is putting patients at risk of infection with dirty vehicles and poor training.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) looked at 22 ambulances and found nine were "in a very poor condition with visible dirt".



unclean it was taken out of service, the CQC said.

The ambulance service said it took the report "extremely seriously".

The NWAS covers the Cumbria, Lancashire, Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire areas.

Inspectors found most staff were unaware of the ambulance service policy on cleanliness.

Stations were visited in Bolton, Bury, Stockport, Newton-le-Willows, Whiston, Warrington, Chorley and Darwen.

The hospitals inspectors also looked at ambulances at hospitals including Fairfield in Bury, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Whiston, the Royal Liverpool and Lancaster Royal.

'Ingrained dirt'

The report said: "Nine out of the 22 (41%) were found to be in a very poor condition with visible dirt on the floors, walls, horizontal surfaces and door frames.

"The remaining 13 were not found to have been cleaned to a good standard; all had some areas of dirt in the interior of the ambulance.

"It was clear from the level of dirt these vehicles were not cleaned on a frequent basis. All crew reported that none of the vehicles we inspected had had a deep clean in the past year or more."











Outcome 8 Made Ridiculously Easy

1. Train

The link between hygiene and infection control



2. Tools

Give them the tools (and training) to do the job



3. Record

All systems, procedures, training, audits



4. Embed it in the culture

Make sure people understand why they're doing it













Where It Goes Wrong

What the CQC said:

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...clear policy on cleanliness ... managers to lead it...
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...antibacterial washes adequate ... laundry reached the required standards

...but staff were unaware.

Subsequent CQC report:

Staff have changed their approach and taken responsibility... pride in making sure the premises are spotless...

Cleanliness and infection control is **embedded now in the culture** of the organisation...





Infection Control in Four Words

You Can't Disinfect Dirt

- Holy Trinity
 - Hand, Respiratory and Surface Hygiene
- Assess Risk
 - Some are more susceptible than others
- Make it personal anecdotes
 - Explain it protects them too









Norovirus













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Science Is Like Sex

...sometimes something useful comes out, but that's not the reason we do it.

Richard Feynman











Science

- It's a bar brawl...
 - Ideas are tested in a controlled and repeatable way
 - Hypotheses are testable (falsifiable) and predictive
 - Data is often confusing
- It's always a work in progress
 - We test ideas until they fall over or not





Science v Evidence Based Practice

- EBP is intended to take quackery out of medicine
- Infection Control is not the natural home of EBP
 - Multiple interventions
 - Lack of controls
 - Publication bias
 - Publications suggest 'miracle' interventions
- Data can be confusing and complex
 - and open to other interpretations....





Fogging: Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour















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Boyce et al 2008:

- "intensive HPV disinfection followed by HPV disinfection of rooms vacated by patients with CDAD reduced the incidence by 44% in a high incidence ward
- and by 38% in the hospital as a whole,
- and by 53% in months in which a particular strain was present during both the pre-intervention and intervention periods".

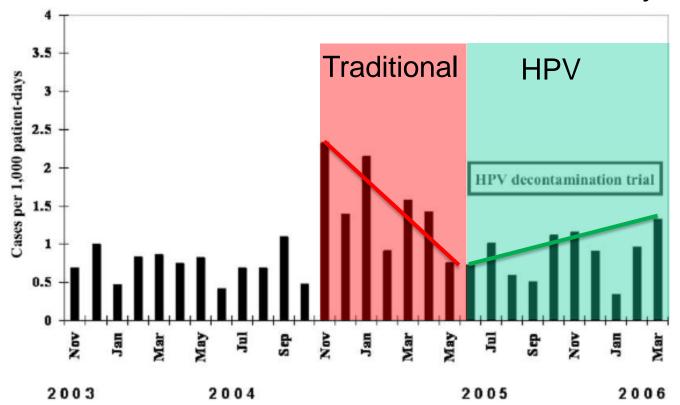




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INFECTION CONTROL AND HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AUGUST 2008, VOL. 29, NO. 8

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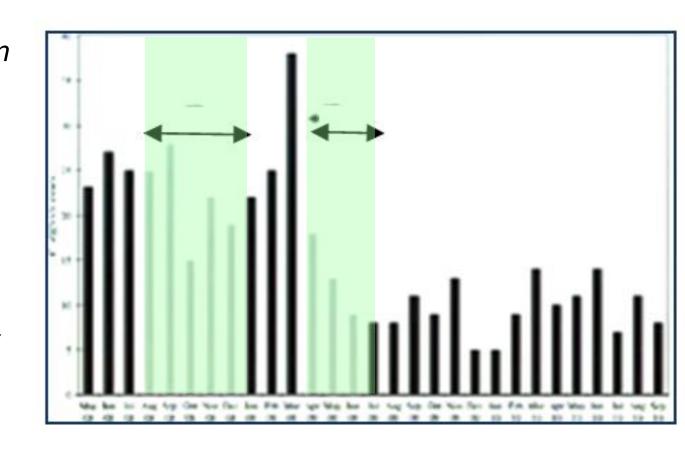




Cooper et al 2011

"An abrupt increase in the number of C. diff cases was experienced when HPV deployment ended.

The reintroduction of HPV contributed to returning the monthly number of cases to below the pre-outbreak baseline"













Fogging in Ambulances

- You need to wipe it off anyway
 - So why not just clean the bloody thing in the first place?
- It's wet
 - Errrmmm... electrical equipment?
- Procedures often 'confused'
 - "We fog it then we clean it"
- Data not entirely supportive
 - Plus catalase-positive bugs?





Self-Disinfecting Surfaces

Silver

- Uniforms, dressings, catheters, intubation....
 - Uniforms: J Hosp Med. 2013 Jun 12. doi: 10.1002/jhm.2051
- Doesn't work. Sorry.

Copper

- Handles, taps, grab rails etc
- Biologically plausible, rubbish studies (1-2 log / 12h)





Self-Disinfecting Surfaces

- ISO 22196
 - Measurement of antibacterial activity on plastics and other non-porous surfaces
 - 24hrs contact in SDW log 3 pass?
 - This standard has no relevance to real life
- Why bother to clean a self-sterilising surface?





UV Disinfection

- UV good at killing microorganisms
- Long –established for water and air disinfection
 - Major concerns re **practicality** in use on surfaces
 - Major concerns re **safety** in use





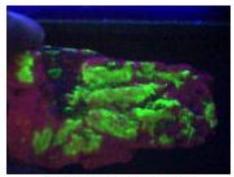






UV Detection of Bacteria

- Biologically plausible
 - Many bacteria do fluoresce
 - Used in pest control, CSI...
 - You can see the evidence!



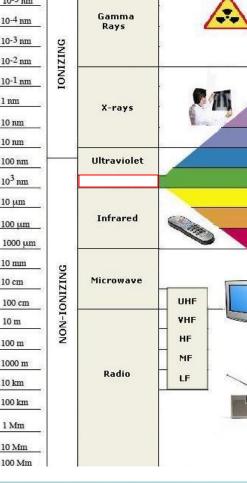




UV detection of bacteria



UV detection of a dirty bathroor 10 Mm







10-6 nm 10-5 nm

10-4 nm

10-3 nm

10-2 nm

10-1 nm 1 nm

10 nm

10 nm

100 nm

10³ nm

10 µm

100 µm

10 cm

100 cm

10 m

100 m

1000 m

100 km 1 Mm







Violet

Indigo

Blue

Yellow

Orange

Red

'Touchless' Disinfection

- The Problem:
- You Can't Disinfect Dirt
 - Technologies rely on the surface being clean to start with
 - If you need to physically clean them anyway, just use a proper sanitiser!









Sounds Convincing But Is Utter, Utter B

Antimicrobial Surfaces

Vapour Fogging

Steam

Droplet Fogging

Electrolysed Water

Magnetic Water Softeners

Iffy concept, unproven

Unproven

Fine in an autoclave

Definite 'woo' – gravity?

Utter rubbish

Utter rubbish





New Technologies

- Traditional methods work
 - Traditional methods more effective than one-off, high impact interventions aimed at total environmental sterility
 - I have issues with 'self-cleaning / sterilising' surfaces
- Hospital products / protocols aren't always applicable to ambulances
 - Beware the emperor's new clothes
 - EBP confuses the issue





Evidence Based Practice



Parachute use to prevent death and major trauma related to gravitational challenge: systematic review of randomised controlled trials

Smith & Pell

- BMJ 327, 20-27 December 2003, 1459-61







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Saving Cash 1

- Do a glove audit
 - Inappropriate glove use does more harm than good
 - Most glove use is unnecessary and ill-informed
- The 'Superhero Complex'
 - Wash hands on removal





Saving Cash 2

- Sanitisers: what's the standard?
 - BSEN 1276 or 13697 a good start!
 - What's the dilution and contact time?
- Pay no more than 10-20p!
- ALWAYS use automatic dilution













Cash vs Compliance

- You can save money and do it right
 - Gloves are expensive, sanitisers are cheap
- Staff Training
 - Compliance goes up, costs come down
 - Less staff sickness





Reputation

- Inspections are a sales tool
 - ...or toxic content
 - Systems and staff training
 - Scripting staff and service users
- Beware of Outcome 21
- Visual Cues....





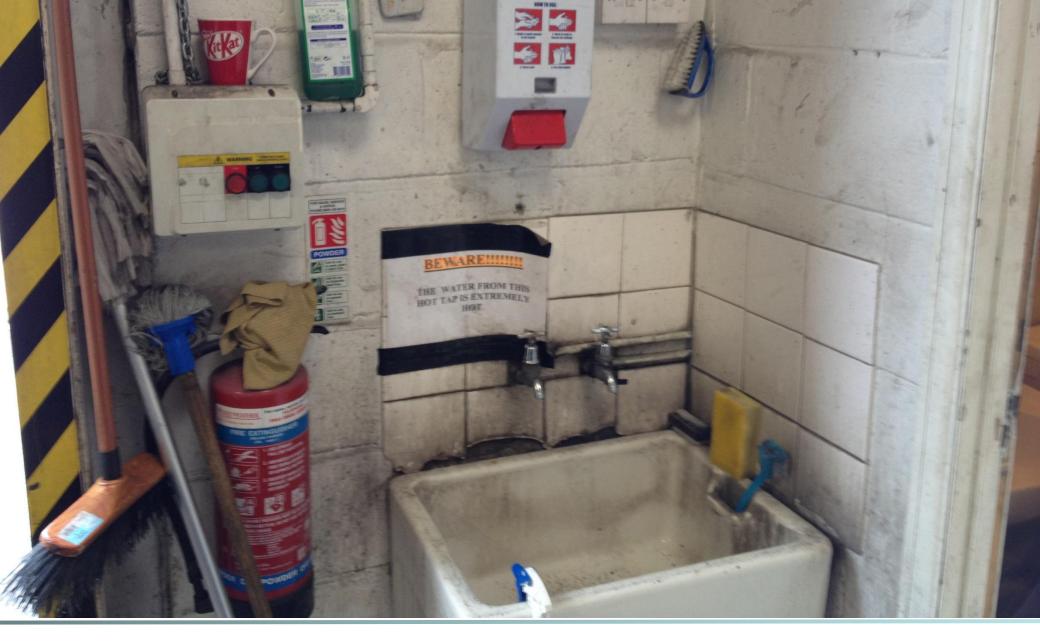








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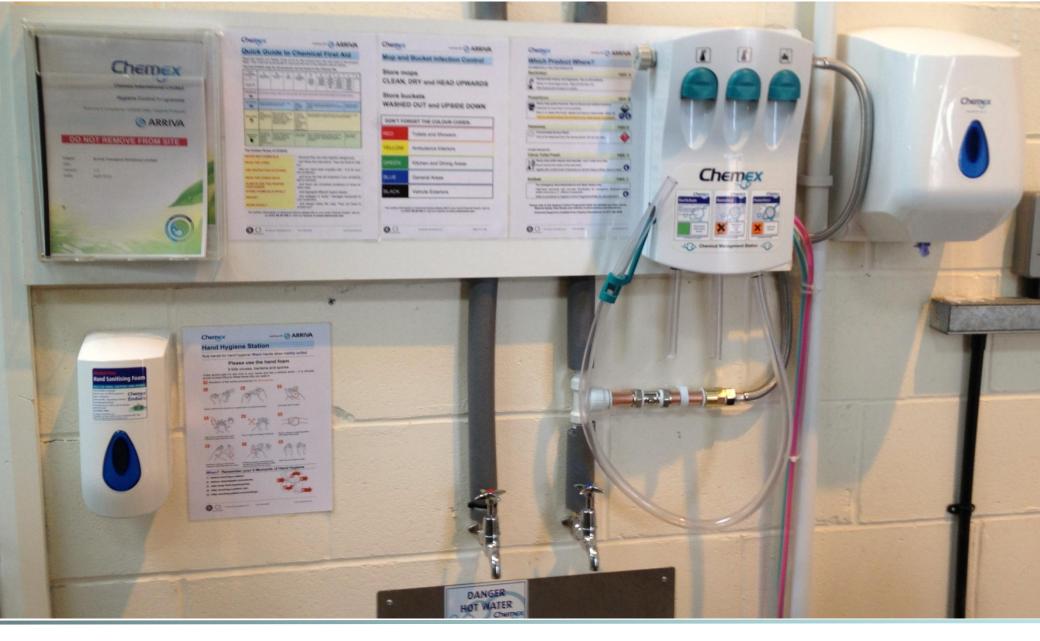
























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