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**Reference: Medi Shower Units**

Here at the Northwest Independent Hospital we take a proactive approach and always apply best practice to ensure our highest standards are maintained. With this in mind we installed Medi-Shower shower heads and hoses in February 2015. Water samples are regularly taken from the shower heads and hoses and independently tested for Legionella and Pseudomonas and to date we have had no bacterial issues. With the simple change of the insert the Medi-Shower system has proven to be clearly superior to the standard shower heads and hoses/traditional descale and clean policy we adopted prior to the install.

The advantages we feel it brings to the hospital are:

- The silver ion technology incorporated in the product is proven to reduce the risk of harmful bacteria.
- The simple internal design of the shower head and the smooth bore finish of both shower head and hose impressed our infection control team as this provides significantly less surface area for opportunistic bacterial to proliferate. Therefore, changing the shower heads can be achieved by simply changing the small colour coded inserts.
- The colour coded replacement inserts are simple to use and save many hours of maintenance and cleaning.
- The product is cost effective, in that it is less expensive to replace the insert than to replace the entire shower head and hose or compared with the maintenance of disinfecting/descaling of the whole unit.
- Positive feedback from Estates, the Infection control team, nurses and patients.



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