



Why It's Cheaper and Safer to Replace & Recycle Ag+ Than Clean Old Shower Heads?

KEY POINT: Cleaning is Time consuming and commits expensive estates staff resource to a basic cleaning task when they could be more cost effectively and efficiently used elsewhere. Time is money

- Cleaning is labour Intensive, costs of which, because they are regarded as in house resource, are often under estimated or ignored.
- Showers often have to be disassembled for cleaning taking time and reducing effective lifetime of unit.
- Double the amount of shower heads and hoses are required for cleaning regime so that one is fitted whilst the other is cleaned. This cost is often overlooked in costing comparisons
- On site cleaning requires organisation and space to be efficient and safe, a cost implication that is often overlooked
- Chemicals used for cleaning are often expensive and too aggressive damaging units and requiring replacements. Another cost that's overlooked
- Chemicals need to be stored securely & safely which has cost implications.

- Chemicals need to be safely disposed of which has cost implications
- Old showers classed as hazardous waste need to be disposed of safely and sustainably which incurs additional cost.
- Chemicals need to be recorded and administered which has cost implications
- Use of chemicals requires COSHH yet another level of legislation and admin which incurs additional cost.
- Safety Equipment required for handling chemicals and cleaning incurs additional cost.
- Training for handling chemicals has a cost
- Basic administration and recording for the cleaning regime is often overlooked and costs under estimated.
- Cleaning is often unreliable and unsafe. Units get missed, not cleaned properly, bio film survives
- Cleaning is immediately compromised as soon as old units are refitted on the wards
- Standard shower heads and hoses do not provide 24/7 anti bacterial contact protection
- Lifetime of basic shower and hose is often dramatically compromised by dismantling and cleaning with aggressive chemicals and as such require frequent and prompt replacement. which has a cost implication
- Ward Shower areas are regraded as one of the highest infection control risks in the hospital as such there should be responsible proportional attention and resources allocated to meet that risk
- Regular replacement of shower heads and hoses is now regarded as Best Practise in preference to quarterly cleaning

In Conclusion

Because many of the costs incurred in cleaning are difficult to quantify they are often under estimated or in some case completely ignored in preference to maintaining the status quo as the perceived most cost effective solution.

When properly analysed quarterly removal, disposal and replacement of units under the Ag+ scheme is SAFER more EFFICIENT & COST EFFECTIVE

Benefits Ag+ Scheme

- SAFETY
- TIME
- SIMPLICITY
- EFFICIENCY
- RELIABILITY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- CONSISTENCY
- RESOURCES
- COSTS
- COMPLIANCE
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- Brand New Antibacterial, Disposable Shower Head & Hose delivered each quarter
- 24/7 Anti Bacterial Protection
- No Cleaning
- Quick & easy to Fit
- Reduced Maintenance Load
- Colour Coded 100% confidence in completion of task
- Safe Efficient and Sustainable disposal of old heads & hoses
- 100% safe bacterial load removed from building each quarter
- Reduced Administration and Recording
- Reduced Costs
- Reduced Compliance Requirement
- Reduced Audit