

HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS

HAIs are infections acquired by patients in a hospital or as a result of healthcare intervention.

EVERY YEAR IN EUROPE¹

AFFECTS MORE THAN **4 MILLION PATIENTS**



ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR **37,000 DEATHS**

CONTRIBUTE TO A FURTHER **100,000 DEATHS**



COST HOSPITALS OVER **€5.4 BILLION**

ACCOUNT FOR A FINANCIAL LOSS OF **€7 BILLION** IN DIRECT COSTS ONLY

CAUSE 16 MILLION EXTRA DAYS IN HOSPITAL



ON ANY GIVEN DAY, **1 IN 18 PATIENTS** HAVE AT LEAST **1 HAI** IN EUROPEAN HOSPITALS



IN THE EU, SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS (SSIs) REPRESENT **19.6%** OF ALL HAIs, AND COST HOSPITALS **€1.2 BILLION**



50% OF SSIs BECOME APPARENT AFTER THE PATIENT IS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL, MEANING MORE COMPLICATED FOLLOW UP AND TREATMENT



PATIENTS WITH SSIs SPEND ON AVERAGE **AN EXTRA 6.5 DAYS** IN HOSPITAL AND ARE **5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE**



THE UK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOUND THAT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT TO HOSPITALS FOR INFECTIONS ACQUIRED IN A HOSPITAL SETTING WAS **3X MORE** FOR INFECTED PATIENTS, THAN FOR UNINFECTED

IF THERE WAS A WAY TO PREVENT INFECTIONS DURING SURGERY AND HOSPITAL VISITS, WOULD YOU WANT TO USE EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE?

1 - SOURCE: EUROPEAN COMMISSION REPORT ON PATIENT SAFETY IN 2014, AND EUROBAROMETER 411; 2,3,4 - WHO REPORT ON THE BURDEN OF ENDEMIC HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION WORLDWIDE, 2011; 5 - ECDC, THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, 2013; 6,7 - ECDC, THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, 2012; 8 - WHO REPORT ON THE BURDEN OF ENDEMIC HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION WORLDWIDE, 2011; 9 - MedTech Europe pamphlet on "HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS, A HEALTH CRISIS REQUIRING EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP" (http://www.medtecheurope.org/uploads/Modules/Publications/27052013_healthcare-associated_infections.pdf); 10 - SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT REPORT: "SPICE BRIEFING, HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS, 16 NOVEMBER 2011"



An effective barrier protection solution is essential to the prevention of infections. Experience shows that single-use gowns and drapes are an essential part of this fight against infection.



Every single-use product package is wrapped using a sterile barrier system. With single-use, you offer every patient new, secure, unused, and sterile materials.



Single-use gowns and drapes are mainly designed for specific procedures, so they are ideal for rapid and easy draping, and clean up. Single-use packs mean not only a faster preparation and turnaround for the operating room, but also smaller storage requirements than packages of reusables.



Because the materials are single-use only, the integrity of the material when ready for use is as perfect as the day of manufacture, making adherence to the EN13795 standard (expected barrier properties and test levels for surgical gowns and drapes) unquestionable.



Single-use gowns and drapes deliver on the promise to be always new, clean, folded as expected and able to be applied quickly and easily, making them the preferred standard in more than 65% of European healthcare facilities.