A study analyzing basin sampling results of 1,103 basins from 88 hospitals across North America found that “almost 2/3 of the bath basins studied were found to harbor at least one pathogen commonly associated with HAIs.”

- **62% of basins** were contaminated
- **45% of basins** were colonized with gram-negative bacilli
- **35% of basins** were colonized with VRE
- **100% of hospitals** in this study had basins that tested positive for bacteria

**Daily risk of CAUTI from an indwelling urinary catheter** is **3%-7%**

**The cost associated with CAUTIs**

Length of stay (LOS) is increased and the average cost to treat is between **$876** and **$10,197**

The leading cause of secondary hospital-associated bloodstream infections.

**Reports recommend minimizing exposure to tap water for all patients** who are immunocompromised, have fresh surgical wounds, or are at higher risk for infections.

**Pathogens can create potent biofilms** in hospital pipes, hot water tanks, sinks, and even touchless faucets, contaminating water on contact.

**The water system**

*More than 29 studies* incriminate the hospital water system as the source of serious waterborne hospital-acquired infections (HAIs).
A standardized approach to patient hygiene

Multiple products and steps associated with traditional bathing, incontinence care, and meatal cleansing often lead to inconsistencies in clinical process.\(^5\)

Removing basins reduces CAUTI risk factors

Basins were completely eliminated from two medical/surgical units and replaced with Comfort Bath. This reduced CAUTI rates to zero within one month and the rates remained at zero for five months.\(^6\)

Hygienic bathing

Patient cleansing washcloths can help reduce the contamination risk from basins and waterborne hospital-acquired infections while providing comfortable, skin-friendly benefits to patients.

Incontinence care and skin protection

Comfort Shield Barrier Cream Cloths with dimethicone can help you provide consistent patient care by applying an effective barrier every time. Each cloth delivers all-in-one skin cleansing, moisturizing, deodorizing, treatment, and barrier protection.

Meatal cleansing

M-Care Meatal Cleansing Cloths provide a clean technique for your Foley catheterized patient. In addition to being inconsistent, traditional incontinence cleanup methods increase the risk of cross contamination from basins – a proven CAUTI risk factor – and waterborne hospital-acquired infections.

Urine management

PrimaFit is an external urine management system designed to help manage urinary incontinence in female patients and promote early catheter removal, addressing the #1 risk factor of catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI). PrimaFit serves as an alternative to incontinence pads, diapers, or at times, catheters, while transitioning patients to independent continence.

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