

# Reduce **CAUTI** risk factors



## Basins are linked to HAIs

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.”<sup>1</sup>



## The cost associated with CAUTIs

Length of stay (LOS) is increased and the average cost to treat is between

**\$876** and **\$10,197<sup>2</sup>**

The leading cause of secondary hospital-associated bloodstream infections.<sup>3</sup>

**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 water system

More than **29** studies

incriminate the hospital water system as the source of serious waterborne hospital-acquired infections (HAIs).<sup>4</sup>

- Reports recommend **minimizing exposure to tap water for all patients** who are immunocompromised, have fresh surgical wounds, or are at higher risk for infections.<sup>4,5</sup>
- **Pathogens can create potent biofilms** in hospital pipes, hot water tanks, sinks, and even touchless faucets, contaminating water on contact.<sup>6</sup>



## 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.**<sup>5</sup>



## 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.<sup>6</sup>

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## 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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