

Infection Preventionists Have New Tool for Targeting Zero HAIs: The Sani-Hands® Bedside Pack for At-Risk and Bedbound Patients

Orangeburg, NY, June 27, 2011 – PDI has launched a new hand hygiene product to help bridge a gap in infection prevention: how to make hand hygiene readily available for at-risk and bedbound patients. Specifically designed for patients, the Sani-Hands® Bedside Pack provides an accessible and effective hand-hygiene product at the bed side to reduce the risk of transmission of pathogenic microorganisms.

“It is widely accepted by infection preventionists that patients can help minimize their risk of infection by cleaning their hands often, especially after interacting with healthcare workers, touching objects such as remote controls, bed pans and even themselves,” said Dr. J. Hudson Garrett, Jr., Director of Clinical Affairs, PDI. “Many infections actually come directly from patients’ own flora found on their skin. Because of their limited mobility, bedbound patients can go a long time without washing their hands. This lack of hand hygiene – coupled with a fragile medical status – puts them at higher risk for infection.”

Bedbound patient hand hygiene in critical care environments (CCU, ICU, SICU, oncology, hematology and dialysis) is a frequently missed opportunity to break the chain of disease transmission and reduce healthcare associated infections. A dedicated option for patients and their visitors can help increase awareness of hand hygiene practices, and help facilities improve patient satisfaction scores and comply with National Patient Safety Goal 7, issued by The Joint Commission.

Containing 20 Sani-Hands® wipes in a resealable package, the Bedside Pack provides a conscious bedbound patient a sufficient number of wipes for a typical stay in a hospital, including use before meals and after using the bathroom. With a CDC-compliant 65.9 percent alcohol formula, Sani-Hands® Instant Hand Sanitizing Wipes are clinically proven to be more effective at killing germs and bacteria than the leading gel instant hand sanitizer.¹ Most importantly, unlike alcohol-based gels and foams, Sani-Hands® wipes remove dirt while sanitizing, leaving skin feeling clean and moisturized, not sticky.

For more information, visit www.pdipdi.com

¹ Stout et al. AJIC: American Journal of Infection Control [Volume 38, Issue 9](#) , Pages 678-682, November 2010