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## Making Hospital Furniture Easier To Clean

Reducing The Risk of Infection Through Effective Design



## eClean™

"Cleanliness is vital in preventing HCAIs" UK Health Minister

As many as 10% of hospital beds in Sweden are occupied by patients fighting a HCAI www.upsalabio.se The added financial burden attributable to healthcareassociated infections is estimated to be between \$28 billion t<sup>o</sup> \$33 billion each year (United States) Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality

4,544,100 episodes of HCAI every year in Europe World Health Organisation - Report on the burden of endemic HCAI worldwide

## Design BugsOut

The Design Bugs Out (DBO) project aimed to bring designers and manufacturers together with clinical specialists, patients and frontline staff to help combat infections by making hospital furniture and equipment easier and quicker to clean



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## About Bristol Maid<sup>™</sup>

Hospital Metalcraft Ltd, established in Bristol during 1953 and currently celebrating 70 years as a family owned business, has grown into a company with over 160 employees and occupying a 10,000m<sup>2</sup> site in Blandford Forum (Dorset) where we design, manufacture and supply the extensive Bristol Maid<sup>™</sup> range of medical furniture and equipment.

The Bristol Maid<sup>™</sup> trademark was adopted shortly after the company was established, linking the founding city and the 'nurses head' logo, creating a widely recognised trademark reflecting quality and reliability.

We have developed into a major supplier to the UK National Health Service (NHS) providing a comprehensive medical furniture range including trolleys, cabinets, couches and various storage solutions. Our customer base also includes private healthcare providers/hospitals, pharmacies and a network of Distributors servicing the care home market. We are also exporting to an increasing number of countries around the world and welcome enquiries from potential partners.

In addition to the manufacture of our own brand products, we have developed partnerships with other storage and handling solution providers. We are exclusive distributors for Stanley Healthcare Solutions whilst also representing Metro, Labcold and Numatic.

## **The Challenge**

The UK Department of Health, NHS Supply Chain and the Design Council launched Design Bugs Out, a challenge to UK's top manufacturers and designers to help control the risk of Healthcare Associated Infections by making hospital furniture and equipment easier and quicker to clean, concentrating particularly on products positioned by, or used in the vicinity of the hospital bed.

Bristol Maid<sup>™</sup> took up this challenge with Kinneir Dufort to redesign the traditional Bedside Cabinet. Existing cabinets typically have complex internal spaces, hard to reach surfaces and angular joints, in short, areas which can harbour liquids, dirt and more importantly bacteria. Most designs are also constructed from wood/laminate or other similar materials which cannot be steam cleaned.

## The Solution

Working closely with nursing and infection control specialists, pharmacists and patients, we listened to their needs and concerns and, after lengthy and detailed trials, developed our multiple award winning Bedside Cabinet.

Constructed from recyclable polyethylene, with an open / backless body and fully removable drawers, the cabinet can be easily and effectively cleaned. It provides separate areas for patient and staff to use, drawers which can be secured with RFID controlled electronic locks and the flexibility to configure for use on either side of the bed.

Patients who contract MRS<sup>A</sup> infections in Irish hospitals are 7 times more likely t<sup>o</sup> die in hospital than those that do not have secondary infections

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Since its UK launch in April 2010, the new Bristol Maid<sup>™</sup> eClean Bedside Cabinet has been deployed in over 100 NHS Trust hospitals around the UK. Commenting on the cabinet, Diane Simpson, Senior Matron for infection prevention and control at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, said 'This locker has been specifically designed to help us keep the patient area clean. Because the unit has no back, and we can take out the drawers completely, it can be wiped clean in minutes and ready to receive the next patient. A lot of the work we do in promoting good hygiene among our staff is centred on the patient environment and this unit is a part of that. By making things easier to clean we are reducing the risk of seeing potentially-harmful bacteria travelling from patient to patient'









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New designs support existing healthcare

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## **Bedside Cabinet**

Upper nurse zone/shelf with integral rim to contain any spillages. Ideally positioned for staff to use while standing

Rim prevents spillages from entering the drawers

Middle zone/shelf provides storage area for patient use

Polyethylene construction offers good surface protection against liquid stains and heat marks

Large 100mm twin wheel castors with easily accessible brakes and smooth surfaces to assist cleaning

Lower patient storage zone / shelf for washbowl, footwear etc.

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## **Standards**

The Bedside Cabinet meets the following British Standards

- ✓ BS 3962 Part 6:1980 Assessment of resistance to mechanical damage
- ✓ BS EN 12720:2009 Furniture assessment of surface resistance to cold liquids
- ✓ BS EN 12721:2009 Furniture assessment of surface resistance to wet heat
- BS EN 12722:2009 Furniture assessment of surface resistance to dry heat
- ✓ BS 5852:2006 Methods of the test for assessment of ignitability
- ✓ BS 4875-7:2006 Domestic and contract storage furniture

There are around 200,000 healthcare associated infections (HAI) in Australian acute healthcare facilities each year Cruickshank M & Ferguson J (eds) (2008) Upper and Middle drawers can be fitted with an RFID lock. No key hole to harbour dirt/germs. Can be used in conjunction with medicine management programmes

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Open backless design aids thorough cleaning. Drawers can be inserted from either side enabling the cabinet to be positioned on either side of the bed

Rounded edges and contours

Upturned handles ensure that all touch points are clearly visible for effective cleaning **Cabinets Are Available With Or Without RFID Locks** 

EBC020 Upper Drawer With Lock

The Top and Middle drawers can be fitted with an RFID controlled electronic lock. Use of this technology means that there are no key holes to harbour germs and the drawer fronts are smooth and easy to wipe clean.

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Locks can be easily, and independently, programmed on site to operate with individual access cards (keys).

Where hospitals are also planning to store medication etc. within the drawers Staff and Master cards are also available. These can be programmed to operate with all or some of the cabinets within specific wards or directorates and are ideal for use by Nursing and Pharmacy staff.

To link a Patient, Staff or Master Card to a lock simply place the programming card near the icon on the drawer front followed by the required access card. Repeat for each additional card.

**EBC030** 

Upper & Middle Drawers With Lock

EBC025

Middle Drawer With Lock

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Staff Card

Patient Card

Bristol Maid

Material	Recyclable	Polyethylene
Colour Body Drawers	Grey White Spearmint (	(RAL9002) RAL6027)
Labelling	Embedded	into Plastic
Castors	100mm Dia Twin Wheel (Non Markir	meter, Swivel Braking ng)
Lock	Keyless RF Battery Pow (CR123A 3)	ID /ered / Lithium)
Weight (approx) EBC015 EBC020 EBC025 EBC030	29.0kg 29.1kg 29.1kg 29.2kg	
Zone & Drawers	Maximum Load	Floor To Surface Height
Upper Nurse Zone Middle Patient Zone Lower Patient Storage Zone Upper Drawer Middle Drawer Lower Drawer	4kg 5kg 10kg 2kg 5kg 5kg	1207mm 854mm 150mm

European Patent No. 2 241 215

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## UK Department of Health Product Evaluation - Bristol Maid™ eClean™ Bedside Cabinet

The UK Department of Health conducted 3 independent studies on the eClean<sup>™</sup> bedside cabinet (compared to a traditional wooden bedside cabinet).

- 1. User research from 8 showcase hospitals
- 2. Human factor study
- 3. Laboratory study using ATP and microbiology swabs

User research (highlighted below) concluded that the cabinet does seem easier to clean and includes a number of innovative features that many people appreciate:

eClean™ Cabinet Wooden Cabinet Amount of Product Required to Clean it Ease of Cleaning Ease of Manoeuvring Effectiveness of Cleaning Gives Patient Confidence of Good Hygiene Reliability Robustness Safe Storage of Medicines Security of Patient's Stored Items Speed of Cleaning Stability when Patient Grabs Hold of It 4.5 5 5.5 3.5 6

Results range from 1 (unacceptable) to 7 (perfect)

An estimated 5,000 people in the UK die each year from infections such as MRSA and costs the NHS flbn

The National Audit Office

Unfortunately, not all HCAI can be prevented as they are often the price we pay for advances in medicine. But with good practice and careful hygiene it has been estimated that around 15% to 30% could be avoided

### http://www.hcainetwork.org

## Laboratory Assessment of Cleanability

Cleaning methods were assessed using ATP and microbiological testing. The ATP measurements and the  $\log_{10}$  reductions in the test organism obtained from the bedside cabinet are shown in tables 1 and 2. Table 3 shows the mean  $\log_{10}$  reductions from each individual test site on the cabinet.

In summary, using the recovery of ATP as a marker for residual soiling suggests that the new furniture is generally easier to clean.

#### Table 1: ATP Measurement

	Test	Test A Test B		Test C		Test D		Test E		Mean (5 Tests)		
	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old
Detergent Solution (CM1)	4	5	0	11	4	3	1	4	1	9	2.0	6.4
Detergent wipe (CM2)	0	4	1	5	1	40	4	14	4	32	2.0	19.0

#### Table 2: Log<sub>10</sub> Reductions Obtained From Each Item

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	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old
Detergent Solution (CM1)	2.48	3.37	4.36	3.15	3.71	3.82	3.21	3.34	3.53	3.01	3.46	3.34
Detergent wipe (CM2)	4.22	3.73	4.54	4.79	4.10	3.46	3.84	4.13	4.15	4.19	4.17	4.06

#### Table 3: Mean Log, Reductions Obtained From Each Site

	Detergent Solution (CM1)		Detergent Wipe	(CM2)
	New	Old	New	Old
Top Surface	4.11	3.75	3.62	4.12
Lower Surface	3.98	4.44	3.81	4.01
Upper Handle	3.21	2.35	4.95	3.86
Lower Handle	2.52	2.82	4.28	4.24

New - EBC cabinet Old - Traditional style cabinet

## Cleaning

The cabinet can be effectively cleaned by wiping with mild/neutral detergent in lukewarm water using a soft cotton cloth.

The polyethylene construction material is compatible with hydrogen peroxide, sodium dichloroisocyanurate, hypochlorite, alcohol (ethyl/isopropyl) and other chlorine based cleaning solutions including alcohol surface wipes (following manufacturer's instructions for use on medical products/furniture).



## **Overbed Table**

Recyclable polyethylene top and column shroud Table top will not flake or suffer water damage

> The cantilever design aids patient access whilst the symmetrical top allows use either side of the bed

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Open C shaped base provides a stable design for use with either a chair or bed

Smooth linear height adjustment

using a gas damper

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Defined surface edges and contours reduces misplacement of objects and contains spillages. Maximum load of 20kg

> Safety feature prevents entrapment of the patient between the bed and table

> > 50mm twin wheel castors with smooth surfaces to assist cleaning

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Of every 100 hospitalised patients at any given time, 7 in developed and 10 in developing countries will acquire at least one health care-associated infection World Health Organization

Standards

The Overbed Table meets the following British Standards

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- BS EN 12722:2009 Furniture assessment of surface resistance to dry heat
   BS 5852:2006 - Methods of the test for assessment
- BS 5852:2006 Methods of the test for assessment of ignitability

OCP/SP/	S Overchair	Overchair Table - Easy Clean				
Material						
	Base & Colun Shroud & Table To	n Aluminium p Recyclable Polyethylene				
Colour						

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Shroud & Table Top	Recyclable Polyethylene
Colour	
Base, Shroud & TableTop	Grey White (RAL9002)
Column	Spearmint (RAL6027)
Labelling	Embedded into Plastic
Castors	50mm Diameter,
	Twin Wheel Swivel
	(Non Marking)
Height Adjustable	Gas Damper
	(710 - 1025mm)
Weight (approx)	
OCP/SP/S	14.0kg
Maximum Load	25.0kg

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## **Mobile Infusion Stands**

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Stainless steel pole available with two/four pigtail hooks (max load 4kg per stand)

Height adjustable using a handwheel with clear visible touch points

Seamless polyurethane over moulded base provides a flexible tear & water resistant finish, along with impact protection to the patient & fabric of the building

Colour coded indicators to assist department identification, assist segregation & reduce the risk of cross contamination 840-970mm clamping area Suitable for use with infusion pumps/syringe drivers (max 4kg per stand)

Heavy duty weighted steel base fully welded to stainless steel upright. Low centre of gravity assists stability. Meets appendix A (stability requirements) of BS 3619; 1976 Mobile Infusion Stands

50mm twin wheel castors (1 x anti-static) with smooth surfaces to assist cleaning. Shielded from fluid & spillages

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	Base Cap Colours							
Description		Blue	Green	Red	Yellow			
Two Hook	IS/P/2H/SP*	IS/P/2H/BL	IS/P/2H/GR	IS/P/2H/RD	IS/P/2H/YE			
Four Hook	IS/P/4H/SP*	IS/P/4H/BL	IS/P/4H/GR	IS/P/4H/RD	IS/P/4H/YE			
Two Hook, Handle	IS/P/2H/H/SP*	IS/P/2H/H/BL	IS/P/2H/H/GR	IS/P/2H/H/RD	IS/P/2H/H/YE			
Four Hook, Handle	IS/P/4H/H/SP*	IS/P/4H/H/BL	IS/P/4H/H/GR	IS/P/4H/H/RD	IS/P/4H/H/YE			

\* Standard colour Spearmint

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Healthcare-associated infections are the most common complication of hospital care, resulting in 1.7 million infections and 99,000 deaths each year

Defined edges & contours ensure that all key surfaces are accessible, allowing for easy & effective cleaning (including steam cleaning)

(United States) Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality

Material	
Base	Steel with Polyurethane Over Moulding
Upright, Adjustable Pole & Hooks	304 Grade Stainless Steel
Colour	
Base	Spearmint/Blue/Green/Red/Yellow
Upright, Adjustable Pole & Hooks	Polished Stainless Steel
Handwheel	Grey
Castors	50mm Diameter,
	Twin Wheel Swivel Braking
	(Non Marking, 1 x Anti-Static)
Weight, (Approx)	
IS/P/2H/SP	7.8kg
IS/P/4H/SP	7.9kg
IS/P/2H/H/SP	8.2kg
IS/P/4H/H/SP	8.3kg
Vertical Clamping Area	
IS/P/2H/SP & IS/P/4H/SP	970mm
IS/P/2H/H/SP & IS/P/4H/H/SP	840mm
Maximum Load	
Hooks	4.0kg
Fixed Upright	4.0kg

## **Mobile Pump Stands**

Height adjustable using a

Stainless steel pole available with four/six u shaped hooks (max load 12kg per stand)

handwheel with clear visible touch points

Seamless polyurethane over moulded base provides a flexible tear & water resistant finish, along with impact protection to the patient & fabric of the building

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Defined edges & contours ensure that all key surfaces are accessible, allowing for easy & effective cleaning (including steam cleaning)

(	Heavy duty weighted
	steel base, fully welded to
	stainless steel upright. Low
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	BS 3619; 1976 Mobile

Infusion Stands

Suitable for use with

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infusion pumps/syringe drivers (max 12kg per

75mm twin wheel castors (1 x anti-static) with smooth surfaces to assist cleaning. Shielded from fluid & spillages

Item	Description	Weight
PS/P/SC/4H	Mobile Pump Stand - Polyurethane, Easy Clean, Standard Capacity	11.0kg
PS/P/HC/4H	Mobile Pump Stand - Polyurethane, Easy Clean, High Capacity, Four Hook	13.0kg

In high-income countries, approximately 30% of patients in intensive care units (ICU) are affected by at least one health care-associated infection

World Health Organization

Material	
Base	Steel with Polyurethane Over Moulding
Upright, Adjustable Pole & Hooks	304 Grade Stainless Steel
Colour	
Base	Spearmint/Blue/Green/Red/
Upright, Adjustable Pole & Hooks	Yellow Polished Stainless
Handwheel	Steel Grey
Castors	75mm Diameter,
	Twin Wheel Swivel Braking
	(Non Marking, 1 x Anti-Static)
Weight, (Approx)	
PS/P/SC/4H	11.0kg
PS/P/HC/4H	13.0kg
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PS/P/SC/4H	975mm
PS/P/HC/4H	771mm (Inner Pole) 2 x 646mm
	(Outer Poles)
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## **Caretray Trolleys**

Carerails fitted to both sides of the trolley, compatible with a wide range of accessories

Frame fully welded eliminating gaps. 304 grade stainless steel or mild steel that is powder coated in a durable epoxy polyester paint

One-piece moulding. Smooth surfaces & rounded edges assist cleaning (compatible with steam cleaning). Runners with positive stops prevent trays from being accidentally withdrawn. Symmetrical design allows tray insertion from either side

 Item
 Description

 CTM1/10/1S3D
 1 x 100mm, 3 x 150mm Trays

 CTM1/10/3S2D
 3 x 100mm, 2 x 150mm Trays

 CTM1/10/4D
 4 x 150mm Trays

 CTM1/10/4S1D
 4 x 100mm, 1 x 150mm Trays

 CTM1/10/6S
 6 x 100mm Trays

Material	Frame Top and Side Panels Trays	Steel Polypropylene Translucent, High Impact Plastic
Colour	Frame	Spearmint
Castors		100mm Pressed Steel
Weight, (Approx	CTM1/10/1S3D CTM1/10/3S2D CTM1/10/4D CTM1/10/4S1D CTM1/10/6S	27.5kg 28.6kg 27.9kg 28.3kg 29.4kg
Maximum load per tray		5kg





One-piece moulding. Smooth surfaces & rounded edges assist cleaning (compatible with steam cleaning). Raised edges on three sides provides defined grab points to act as push handles whilst an integral rim at the front contains spillages

Smooth surfaces & rounded edges assist cleaning (compatible with steam cleaning) & able to withstand high-temperature machine washing

100mm pressed steel or polymer castors (model dependant). Two braking castors fitted as standard. Ring buffers offer protection to both the trolley and fabric of the building

93mm

550-1005mm



## **Disassembly & Cleaning**

The design of the trolley allows for quick & easy tool-less disassembly providing access for all areas when conducting thorough or deep cleaning programmes. The simple guide below illustrates the disassembly & re-assembly process:





## **Remove Trays**

Remove the trays from the unit

## **Remove Top**

The top is held in place with two thumb screws on the underside of the top. Once removed, the top can be removed with a firm tug

### **Remove Back Panel** (if fitted)

Once the top has been removed, the back panel can be lifted clear of the cross members on the rear of the frame



## **Remove Side Panels** Clean

The side panels are removed by lifting off The frame, side panels & top can now be The trolley is re-assembled by repeating the positioning inserts. Double height trolleys require thumb screws at the top of the lower panel to be removed



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## Reassembly

the steps in reverse



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