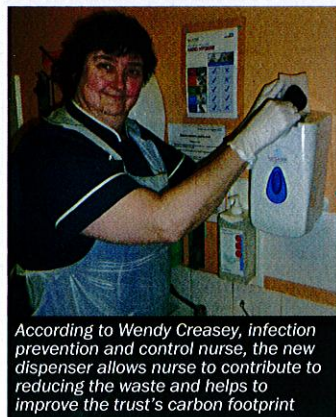


**A**t a time when the NHS is faced with making extensive efficiency savings, Vernacare has launched a new wall mounted dispenser for its Tuffie wipes range. The new system is aimed at not only increasing productivity, but also helping the NHS make cost efficiencies by reducing waste.

The unique dispensing system provides a designated fixed location for the wipes and avoids time spent searching for products. It also uses significantly less packaging than traditional tubs and canisters.

"This new dispenser system for Tuffie 5 wipes allows us to contribute to reducing our waste and helping to improve our carbon footprint," said Wendy Creasey, pictured, an infection prevention and control nurse at

## Wet wipe dispensers boost Pilgrim's productivity



According to Wendy Creasey, infection prevention and control nurse, the new dispenser allows nurse to contribute to reducing the waste and helps to improve the trust's carbon footprint

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust.

By switching away from traditional tubs and canisters, hospitals can make packaging waste savings of up to 85% dependant on their current wipe product. The dispenser and refill system is also a great way to control consumption by preventing over-usage.

Vernacare's unique single wipe dispensing mechanism gives users control over how many wipes they dispense each time, overcoming a common problem across the wider healthcare sector. An automatic closing lid mechanism also ensures that the wipes do not dry out.

There are multiple benefits to implementing the Vernacare dispenser system in hospitals, with many customers already adopting the new system in an attempt to improve their productivity and reduce waste, achieving both financial and environmental savings.

The dispensers can be used with both Tuffie Detergent and Tuffie 5 multi-surface wipes, effective against all five major groups of pathogens, including Clostridium difficile, Norovirus and MRSA amongst many others.

For more or to arrange a visit from your territory manager, call Vernacare on 01204 555999 or e-mail [info@vernagroup.com](mailto:info@vernagroup.com)

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A new scheme to reward individuals and teams who are championing infection prevention in hospitals has been launched by Kimberly-Clark Health Care in the UK.

The HAI Watchdog Awards aims to recognise the work and dedication of doctors and nurses

who are making a difference in reducing and preventing HAIs in wards and departments throughout the country. The goal of the awards is to

publicise these pioneering and effective initiatives and help all those delivering care to learn from one another. Central to the

## HAI WATCHDOG AWARDS

New scheme recognises infection prevention excellence

scheme is a dedicated website - [www.haiwatchdog.com](http://www.haiwatchdog.com) - to help facilitate the sharing of best practice and host discussions about all kinds of infection prevention issues.

The top prize in each award category is a £1,000 educational grant to the winning hospital from Kimberly-Clark. In addition there will be national and community recognition through news releases and features on [haiwatchdog.com](http://haiwatchdog.com) and in the Kimberly-Clark Infection Watch e-newsletters, as well as a commemorative plaque for the winning hospital.

There are four award categories and three of them will be judged by an experienced panel of experts - the ICU Infection Prevention Initiative, the Operating Theatre Infection Prevention Initiative and the HAI Patient Education Initiative. The fourth award - the HAI Clinicians' Choice Award - will be decided through on-line voting via the HAI Watchdog website community.

"We feel that sometimes the effort and dedication of individuals and their teams doesn't always get the recognition they deserve and the

HAI Watchdog Awards are one way of starting to put that right," explained Phil Crook, UK country manager for Kimberly-Clark Health Care.

"We also see a lot of good practice and common problems that could be shared but there aren't always the mechanisms in place to do so. We hope that the HAI Watchdog website will become a central place where these issues can be discussed."

The closing date for submission of entries to the awards is 31st January 2012 and full details about the award criteria and how to enter is available at [www.haiwatchdog.com](http://www.haiwatchdog.com)

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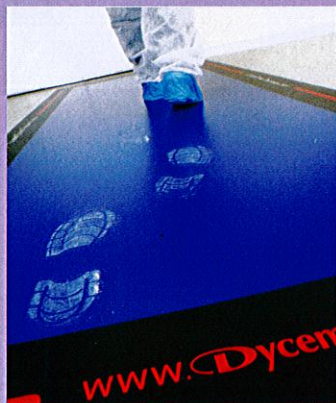


After two years of research, global contamination control specialist Dycem has unveiled an innovative complete contamination control floor edging system designed to enhance its existing products and offer a range of new benefits designed to meet the specific requirements for hospitals where contamination control is critical in reducing hospital acquired infections.

The state-of-the-art new floor edging has been designed to offer a clear demarcation zone which is fully audit compliant, effective in removing 99.9% of foot and wheel contamination and reducing 75% of airborne contamination.

The edging system complements Dycem's established flooring product and has been developed to offer a low profile (just over 3mm)

## New complete contamination control flooring system



not found anywhere else in the industry, therefore ensuring smooth

movement of equipment, beds and trolleys across the floor. The 'complete seal' edging prevents the ingress of microbial contamination and stops contaminated water from seeping under the floor resulting in bacteria growth.

With audit compliance a critical commercial factor in healthcare environments, Dycem has developed technology that can reverse print the edging system with full audit details. Clear demarcation and zone guidance signage is also printed on the edging so that decontamination zones are clearly visible to staff and offer full health and safety compliance.

Dycem can be used at all entrances to prevent the ingress of microbial contamination, all exit ways to reduce the risk of cross infection and inside the critical areas to reduce the amount of airborne microbes. It can also be used outside operating theatres, post recovery areas, ITUs, CSSD, isolation wards and many other critical areas to help protect the health of the patients and staff by reducing the risk of infection.

The antimicrobial efficiency of Dycem's flooring is of immense benefit to hospitals as it effectively inhibits the growth of over 50 various organisms including Salmonella, E. coli, Listeria and MRSA.

More at [www.dycem-cc.com](http://www.dycem-cc.com)

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