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## Steelco Washer/Disinfector for Soiled Utility Rooms

Cost control in healthcare is a major topic. So is bringing facilities into standards for today's consumer and healthcare environment. What is surprising today is that nearly every product going into a new or renovated healthcare is of a current design, *except the clinical sink in a soiled utility room. This device has been used for over 60 years and leads to high costs for patient care products, disposal of these products and high risks for nosocomial infections.*

**Clinical sinks don't save a penny, but add thousand of dollars of costs per year and put patients and staff at risk.**

The BP Series of washer disinfectors from Steelco is the latest generation of machines designed for safely and effective processing patient care items.

### It can:

- Reduce expenditures on patient care items
- Reduce waste disposal of patient care items
- Help facility maintain an environmentally responsible operation
- Reduces risks of nosocomial infections



## BP Series Features

- > Column or counter height
- > Rugged construction, Low maintenance
- > Thorough washing and disinfection
- > Machines meet ISO 15883-3: Requirements and tests for washer-disinfectors employing thermal disinfection for human waste containers
- > Variety of racks to accommodate bed-pans, urinals, emesis basins, leg bags, suction bottles, blood pressure cuffs etc. Wash and disinfection allow for safe reuse.
- > Internal steam generator standard
- > Low water usage
- > Pays for itself

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Hospital acquired infections cost healthcare facilities billions each year, and thousands pay with their lives. If your facility had a case of Clostridium difficile infection that spread to other patients,

it likely came from a bedpan cleaned in a clinical sink in a soiled utility room. This is a source of many such infections.

A hospital associated with Harvard Medical School studied data in 2002, and determined that the cost of treating hospital acquired Clostridium difficile infections cost on the average **over \$ 30,000 per patient**, with a loss of 4 days of the bed as well. This doesn't include the other infections such as VRE or MRSA that could be reduced with

safer systems in the soiled utility rooms. Nor does it speak to the misery suffered by those who became sick. Add to it the fact that some of those patients not only got sick but died a miserable death. The added benefit of reducing disposable use and costs makes it one of the few items in the patient ward that can pay for itself many times over. No one wants to get an infection they didn't come in with, and you don't want to

add that cost to those already existing. We cannot eliminate them, but can reduce the risk of the soiled utility room as a source of HAIs.

Hazardous Awkward  
Scary for staff Documented as source of bacterial colonies in soiled utility rooms  
No certification or classification, even by FDA  
What you currently are using



Safe and simple for use  
Provides feeling of security  
Documented as efficient cleaning and disinfecting in Europe.  
Classified as Class 2 medical device in Europe  
What you could now be using



**Which would you choose to clean an item that is potentially, or known to be, infectious?**



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