Hospitals using Essential Oils

Hello Oilers,

I wanted to share this article about Wythenshawe Hospital in the UK doing a

9 month study using essential oils on a burn ward. The first 7 months there

were no cases of MRSA. The final two months of the study, the big "machine

with the essence of oils" was removed and an outbreak of MRSA occured. The

article is below.

Blessings,

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Essential oils 'combat superbug'

Tests of new machine at a hospital have found it could be effective in the

battle against the superbug MRSA.

Consultants at Wythenshawe Hospital found that using a vaporiser to spray

essential oils into the atmosphere killed off micro-organisms.

Airborne bacterial counts dropped by 90% and infections were reduced in a

nine-month trial at the burns unit.

The recipe of oils used in the machine was refined by microbiologists at

Manchester Metropolitan University.

Scent Technologies, the Wigan-based company which makes the machine,

developed the device to mask smells on wards but found it had a beneficial

effect on infections.

The study was started after the recipe of oils was modified by the

university team, in conjunction with Wythenshawe consultant Ken Dunn.

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machine on a ward "

Bev Hurst, MRSA campaigner

"Many people will be aware that there are decades of experience with the use

of essential oils to control infection," said Mr Dunn.

"I think the novelty of this is putting the two researched technologies

together and being able to affect a really surprisingly large area of the

ward with a single machine."

There were no MRSA infections in the burns unit while the machine was being

used with the recipe of oils.

In the final two months the natural essence blend was removed from the

machines and MRSA levels in the air increased - and there was an MRSA

outbreak in the ward.

More tests

But despite the apparent success of the trial, MRSA campaigners have urged

healthcare professionals to continue with strict cleaning regimes.

Bev Hurst, whose mother Margaret died from an MRSA infection, said: "If this

is something that is going to help then that's brilliant.

"But it has to be in conjunction with everything else - it can't just be a

machine on a ward."

The National Audit Office estimates hospital-acquired infections contribute

to some 5,000 deaths annually.

Further tests are now being carried out.

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