

Problems with alcohol gel

Prisoners get drunk on alcohol hand-gel. Many Muslims can't even use it. Alcohol hand-gel should be "a thing of the past."

Healthcare experts gathered in Harrogate last week for a conference hosted by the Infection Prevention Society, the leading medical conference in the field of infection control.

Groundbreaking research was presented to the conference that suggests alcohol-based hand cleaners are no longer the most effective first line of defence in infection prevention.

Alcohol-based hand gels have several significant drawbacks, which have led manufacturers to invest heavily in finding a safer, easier and more effective hand sanitizer.

One such manufacturer is Q Technologies Group, who have set themselves the task of leading a "hygiene revolution."

Q Shield hand-foam, based on new "micro-polymer" technology, has been proven to demonstrate superior protection against the swine flu virus, and is unique as it delivers long lasting anti microbial protection compared to alcohol based products which stop working as soon as they dry.

Charlie Pillans, the company's Managing Director, developed their water-based hand-foam that actually out-performs leading alcohol hand-washes in killing and preventing the germs which cause swine flu and hospital superbugs.

Mr Pillans says "Alcohol hand-washes have run their course. They are no longer the most effective products. Nurses complain of dry and damaged skin caused by alcohol hand gel, prisoners are getting drunk on the stuff, many Muslims can't touch alcohol and, to top it all, it isn't even very effective when you consider that it stops working as soon as it evaporates – which is almost immediately."

Q Shield's micro-polymer technology forms an invisible protective layer on any surface, be it human hands or a hospital floor. Independent laboratory tests have demonstrated Q Shield's effectiveness in killing the flu viruses and have also shown that Q Shield kills viruses for at least 24 hours after application to hard surfaces - unlike conventional disinfectants which stop working when dry.

Lord Warner, the former government Health Minister, has been quoted as saying "The scientific evidence proves that persistent products mark a step-change in the fight against the swine flu pandemic. The long-lasting nature of the product, combined with its safety, means that persistent hygiene products have the potential to revolutionise the way we deal with swine flu and superbugs."