Appendix 3: Data Charting Sheets. Hygiene Management for Long-term Ventilated Persons in the Home Health Care Setting: A Scoping Review

All articles in alphabetical order

Da	ata charting sheet - for health care professional, patients, relatives
Study description	
First author	Banfi, Paolo
Title	Home Treatment of Infection-Related Acute Respiratory Failure in Kyphoscoliotic Patients on Long-
	Term Mechanical Ventilation
Year	2007
Country	France
Study aims	To study the possibility of home treatment of infection-related ARF in kyphoscoliotic patients on long term mechanical ventilation
Methodology/Measures	Study design: prospective cohort study
	Study period: 1998-2002
	Study inclusion: Tachypnea >30 breaths/min, Cyanosis, Purulent secretions, Cough, Fever
	 Inclusion process: Chest specialist, GP + nurse examined patient at home: Arterial blood samples, ECG readings + expectorated sputum samples MV was administered continuously until the morning + pulse oximetry was recorded all night → if patient showed improvement in arterial blood gas values 1 hour after initiating mechanical ventilation + mean nocturnal pulse oximetry was >90%, patient was invited to the home treatment protocol
	Treatment of included patients: - progressively decrease daily duration of MV according to their tolerance of spontaneous breathing under supervision of med. staff → Treatment with antibiotics + Albuterol inhaler (s. cat. "Handling of medication")
	Hypothesis: - Home care of ARF can be as safe + effective as hospital care
	Measures:
	 1x/ week: arterial blood samples were collected after 1 hour of spontaneous breathing without MV

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	- 2 weeks after starting antibiotics: sputum collection + culture	
Setting, Participants		
Sample size	7 patients	
	(Background: between 1998-2002 8/195 patients within the program of long-term MV had an infection-related ARF + were therefore eligible for this study; 1 was excluded because he refused treatment at home)	
Sex	3 women, 5 men	
Age of participation	61 years (mean)	
Kind of disease	 Idiopathic severe kyphoscoliosis (Cobb angle >70°) Developed infection-related ARF during a 4 year period 	
Kind of artificial ventilation (incl. duration)	All patients had mechanical ventilation for 31 months (mean) - 7/8 NPPV + commercial mask - 3/8 volume-assist ventilator - 4/8 pressure assist ventilator + circuit that includes an expiratory valve (backup rate of mean 16 breaths/min) - 1/8 invasively ventilated During study: - Nearly continuous MV (>20h/d) for the first week with ventilator settings used in their baseline condition - Progressively decreasing daily duration of mechanical ventilation according to tolerance of spontaneous breathing	
Family participation	Not specified	
Concept of home-based setting/Licensed beds	At the patient's home	
Professions/Qualifications involved/Duration professional employment	Staff involved in the study: Nurse, GP + chest specialist evaluated + supervised the patient at home - Nurse: visited the patient's home 3x/d - GP: visited patient 2x/week - No emergency visit was necessary	
Cooperation (e.g. Lung specialist, Weaning centre)	Not specified	
Key Findings - Hygiene management		
Quality management for hygiene, e.g. Infection control practitioner, duration h for infection prevention and control		
Training /education (incl. in- outdoor training)	Not specified	
Staff hygiene (incl. PPE, Hand hygiene)	Not specified	
Relative/visitors (incl. Physicians/Therapists)	Not specified	

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Cleaning and disinfection aspects	Not specified
Handling of medical devices	
Waste management	Not specified
Infectious critical activities (incl. MRSA, Screening,	Not specified
Surveillance)	
Caring for persons (prevention and infection control)	Not specified
Handling of medication	Antibiotics
	- All patients
	- Duration: 2 weeks
	- Dose: Clarithromycin 500mg 2x/d; intramuscular ceftazidime 1g 3x/d
	Albuterol
	- Metered-dose-inhaler during MV
	- 4x/d
Laundry hygiene	Not specified
Kitchen hygiene	Not specified
Conclusion/Limitations	

Conclusions:

- 7/7 kyphoscoliotic patients on long-term MV suffered from infection-related ARF + were successfully treated at home
- Treatment with antibiotics + NPPV (in 6/7 cases)
- Increase of daily duration of MV without any change of ventilator settings was well tolerated by patients (familiarity)
- Cost-saving treatment at home: average duration of hospitalization of these patients is 2-3 weeks

Limitation: no control group

Notes for review:

- No hygiene-management
- Specific group of patients
- Main outcome: infection-treatment at home is feasible, efficient + cost-effective

Abbreviations:

ARF = acute respiratory failure

NPPV = noninvasive positive pressure ventilation

GP = general practitioner

MV = mechanical ventilation

ECG = electrocardiogram

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Study description				
First author	Cahill, Christine K	Cahill, Christine K.		
Title	California Skilled I Educational Need	Nursing Facilities – A Survey of Infection P s	revention and Control Practices and	
Year	1997			
Country	USA			
Study aims	- To deter	 To assess characteristics of SNF infection prevention + control programs To determine policies for admitting + placing of MRSA-/ VRE-colonized patients To determine educational needs of the respondents possible for infection prevention + control programs in SNF 		
Methodology/Measures	Study design: obs	servational/ descriptive study		
Catting Destining	 Method: quantitative survey Among ICPs in all Californian SNFs Survey included 3 parts: facility biographical profile, antibiotic resistant microorganism profile + educational needs assessment → a total of 1.454 surveys were mailed to free-standing + hospital-based SNF (no reminders) 			
Setting, Participants	444 CNE /	20 50()		
Sample size	444 SNF (response rate 30.5%) - 283 (63.7%) free-standing - 161 (23.2%) hospital-based - 58 (13.1%) other (veterans administration or not specified)			
Sex	Not specified			
Age of participation	Not specified			
Kind of disease	Not specified			
Kind of artificial ventilation (incl. duration)	Not specified			
Family participation	Not specified			
Concept of home-based setting/Licensed beds	Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) - Hospital-based distinct-part (HB) or free-standing (FS) - Licenced beds: 10 to >350; most SNF (68%) < 99 beds (more details s. Tab 1+2)			
Professions/Qualifications involved/Duration professional				
employment	ICPs	Hospital-based SNF - 88/102 (86.3%) associate degree or higher in "nursing education"	Free-standing SNF - 203/278 (73%) associate degree or higher in "nursing education"	

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	Responsibilities ICP-experience (s. Tab. 4) Memberships	- 39/88 (38.2%) bachelor's degree in "nursing" - ??/?? (13.7%) licensed "vocational nurses" -79/102 responsible for at least one other non-infection —control-related position (Director Staff Development 27.8%; Employee Health Nurse 16.5%) - 54/96 (56.2%) ICP < 5 years - 19/96 (19.8%) ICP < 1 year - 59/99 membership APIC - 27/59 certified by CBIC	- 79/278 (28.4%) bachelor's degree in "nursing" - 75/278 (27%) licensed "vocational nurses" - 236/278 responsible for at least one other non-infection –control-related position (Director Staff Development 43.6%; Director Nursing Administration 26.7%) - 184/265 ICP < 5 years - 72/26 ICP < 1 year - 41/269 (15%) membership APIC - 7/41 (17%) certified by CBIC
Cooperation (e.g. Lung specialist, Weaning centre)	Not specified		
Key Findings - Hygiene management			
Quality management for hygiene, e.g. Infection control			,
practitioner, duration h for infection prevention and control		Hospital-based SNF	Free-standing SNF
	Average	- 35/97 (36.1%) < 5h	- 127/267 (47.7%) < 5h
	h/week for	- 22/97 (22.7%) < 2h	- 58/267 (21.7%) < 2h
	infection		
	control +		
	prevention		
	activities		
	ICPs	Available	
	Programs	Infection Prevention + Control Program Administration; HCFA) - Staff hygiene	(required by Health Care Financing
		- Isolation procedures	
Training /education (incl. in- outdoor training)	 Educational needs for infection prevention + control rated by ICPs: New employee + annual education programs: Hand washing (87.3%), pathogens standard (84.6%) + tuberculosis control program (83.6% of ICPs rated 4 = very important) Employee health: tuberculosis screening (76.7%) 		

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Staff hygiene (incl. PPE, Hand hygiene)	- Antibiot - Antibiot - Microbi - Surveilla - Isolation	 Resident's Health: tuberculosis screening for new admission (76.9%) Antibiotic-Resistant Microorganisms: admitting patients with MRSA/ VRE (81.4%) Antibiotic Utilization Program: appropriate use of antibiotics (80.6%) Microbiology: colonisation vs. infection (75.7%) Surveillance Program: collecting, analysing + reporting data (74.6%) Isolation Precautions: standard isolation precautions (80.1%) (topics from APIC-Guideline for infection prevention + control) (for more subtopics s. Tab. 5) 		
Relative/visitors (incl. Physicians/Therapists)	Not specified			
Cleaning and disinfection aspects	Not specified			
Handling of medical devices	Not specified			
Waste management	Not specified			
Infectious critical activities (incl. MRSA, Screening,		Hospital-based SNF	Free-standing SNF	
Surveillance)	Isolation practice Admissions	- 14/96 (14.6%) no private room (PR) - 38/96 (39.6%) < 3 PR - 44/96 (45.8%) > 4 PR - 90.9% use PR for isolation - do not culture new admission for MRSA (87.5%) or VRE (90.6%)	- 73/260 (28.1%) no private room (PR) - 107/260 (41.1%) < 3 PR - 80/260 (30.8%) > 4 PR - 74.5% use PR for isolation - do not culture new admission for MRSA (90.5%) or VRE (93.4%)	
Caring for persons (prevention and infection control)		Hospital-based SNF	Free-standing SNF	
	Dealing with MRSA (VRE) colonised Dealing with MRSA (VRE) infected	- 58% (73.8%) would place in PR - 71.2% (44.4%) would place with roommate without invasive devices - 82.4% (94%) would place in PR - 60.3% (39.4%) would place with roommate without invasive devices	- 31.9% (47.6%) would place in PR - 87.5% (72.8%) would place with a roommate without invasive devices - ?? (71%) would place in PR - ?? (68.8%) would place with roommate without invasive devices	
Handling of medication	Not specified			
Laundry hygiene	Not specified			
Kitchen hygiene	Not specified			
Conclusion/Limitations				

Conclusions:

- SNFs are required by HCFA to have infection prevention + control programs
- Differences between hospital-based SNF + free-standing SNF with regard to their programs for infection prevention + control
- Very few SNFs reported performing surveillance cultures on all new admissions to detect antibiotic-resistant organisms

Notes for Review:

- No limitations discussed!
- Article was published in 1997! → topic still relevant but importance of dealing with MDRO has changed
- Setting described is <u>not</u> ambulatory intensive care!
- No focus on ventilated patients

Abbreviations:

APIC = Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.

CBIC = Certification Board for Infection Control

HCFA = Health Care Financing Administration

ICP = infection control practitioner

PPE = personal protective equipment

SNF = skilled nursing facilities

VRE = vancomycin-resistant enterococcus

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Study description				
First author	Chenoweth, Carol			
Title	Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia	in the Home Care Setting		
Year	2007			
Country	USA			
Study aims	Characterise VAP in HMV-patients			
	- Rate + incidence of VAP			
	- Demographic characterist			
	 Potential risk factors for \ 			
	- Outcomes of VAP in this s	<u> </u>		
Methodology/Measures	Study design: Retrospective Cohor	rt Study		
	Inclusion criteria:	118 43 / Ab	allacce along her NA ad Facilia	
		HMV through MedEquip + were f	ollowed up by MedEquip	
		respiratory therapists		
	 Included patients represent 80% of all patients receiving HMV cared by MedEquip "Cases" = study patients who developed VAP (cases were ascertained through review of home 			
	nursing + respiratory ther	·	scertained through review of nome	
	Traising Tespiratory the	apy records,		
	Measures:			
	Demographic + clinical variables w	ere extracted from MedEquip + U	HMS medical records (standardised	
	sheet) by visiting home nurses + re	espiratory therapists	·	
	- Respiratory status			
	- Sputum			
	 Oxygen requirements 			
	- Suctioning requirements			
	- Infections			
	- Outpatient antibiotic use			
	→ variables were collected up to t	he time of onset of VAP		
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	Analysis: statistical analysis (Chi ² -/	Fisher exact-test, student t-test, p	o-value)	
Setting, Participants				
Sample size		Mile MAD	NACEL - LAND	
	total	With VAP	Without VAP	
	57 patients	27	30	

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Sex			
		With VAP	Without VAP
	Male	13 (48%)	13 (43%)
Age of participation	<u> </u>		
		With VAP	Without VAP
	Age	19.3 (mean)	14.3 (mean)
Kind of disease			
	Hospitalisation:Mortality in ICUMultiple episod	ause of VAP in hospitalized patient 4-11 days (each episode costs >1 1: up to 40% les of VAP separated >1 month/ w d as independently - 79 independent episodes - 1.3 VAP-episodes/ patient	ith different x-ray findings/ new organisms n 27/57 (47%) patients rred within the first 500 days of ventilation ventilator-days
		- 11 (22%) Staphylococcus a	ureus
Kind of artificial ventilation (incl. duration)		more detail: Tab. 1)	
Kina of artificial ventulation (INCL duration)		With VAP	Without VAP
	Ventilator types	Bilevel ventilation to tracheotor	ny tube, standard pressure control e, external negative-pressure, standard
	Ventilation duration	1,012 +/-673 days	781+/- 572 days
		20/27 (74%) 17-24h/d	14/30 (7%) 17-24h/d
	All 57 patients underwent a total of 50.762 days of ventilation (mean duration of ventilation: 890.6 ventilator-days/ patient)		·

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	Indication for ventilation:
	- Congenital respiratory disease
	- Obstructive respiratory disorders
	- Nervous system disease
	- Myopathies
Family participation	Provide patients' primary care (if not: home nursing facilities)
Concept of home-based setting/Licensed beds	MedEquip Home Care Services department at the UMHS
	Background: - Respiratory services: provision of oxygen for home use, aerosol therapies, tracheostomy supplies, HMV services
	 Provided services for 12000 respiratory patients since company was found in 1995
Professions/Qualifications involved/Duration professional	Staff involved in the study:
employment	- 4 respiratory therapists (follow up)
	- 1 nurse
	- 15 technicans
	Primary care for patients:
	- Nursing services (if not: family members)
Cooperation (e.g. Lung specialist, Weaning centre)	Not specified
Key Findings - Hygiene management	
Quality management for hygiene, e.g. Infection control	Not specified
practitioner, duration h for infection prevention and control	
Training /education (incl. in- outdoor training)	Not specified
Staff hygiene (incl. PPE, Hand hygiene)	Not specified
Relative/visitors (incl. Physicians/Therapists)	Not specified
Cleaning and disinfection aspects	Not specified
Handling of medical devices	Ventilator tubing was changed weekly for all patients
Waste management	Not specified
Infectious critical activities (incl. MRSA, Screening,	Tracheostomy suctioning (clean technique)
Surveillance)	
Caring for persons (prevention and infection control)	Not specified
Handling of medication	Not specified
Laundry hygiene	Not specified
Kitchen hygiene	Not specified

Conclusion/Limitations

Conclusions:

- VAP-rates + mortality rates are much lower in HMV vs. ICU population
- VAP was likely to occur during the first 100 days of HMV (caregiver learning curve for providing ventilator care?)
 - > reducing risk of VAP should be focused on patients who require ventilation for longer daily durations/ who are new to receiving HMV
- No association of VAP with age, sex, underlying disease, reason for/type of ventilation, antacid therapy, steroid use

Limitations:

- Cohort from a homogeneous population from a university-affiliated single home care service
- Very young patients (less comorbidities than patients in ICU)
- Only 33/79 (42%) VAP-episodes had culture results available

Notes for review:

- no hygiene management, but infection control + home treatment of VAP
- young patients (doesn't meet our inclusion criteria)

Abbreviations:

HMV = home mechanical ventilation ICU = intensive care unit UMHS = University of Michigan Health System VAP = ventilator associated pneumonia

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Study description	
First author	Horvath, Leila
Title	Surveillance of Supervised Flat-Sharing Communities Requiring Intensive Home Care: Results and
	Conclusions
Year	2018
Country	Germany
Study aims	- Overview of the type of care provided in outpatient IC-FSC in Munich
	- Review implementation of hygiene + emergency management
	- Advice + support if necessary
Methodology/Measures	Study Design: Observational/ descriptive study
	Method:
	a. Structure Analysis (Audit in nursing services' offices)
	b. Inspection of outpatient FSC (standardised checklists prepared by RGU)
	c. Final discussion with care services + review report (defects, complaints + recommendations)
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	Contents of inspection : Structural data, organisation, client profiles, hygiene management, handling of medical devices/ medication/ narcotics, medical care, emergency management, client safety
	Review period: April 2015 - August 2016
	Data Analysis: descriptive (excel)
Setting, Participants	
Sample size	18/20 outpatient IC- FSC in Munich (*)
	- A total of 136 care places, of which 85 (62.5%) were occupied at the time of the review
	(*) exclusion criteria for 2 facilities: Renovation or new opening
Sex	Not specified
Age of participation	Not specified
Kind of disease	Not specified
Kind of artificial ventilation (incl. duration)	Not specified
Family participation	Not specified
Concept of home-based setting/Licensed beds	In general:

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- Self-determined FSC - Max. 12 residents - Nursing services are freely selectable + have guest status Present study: - 9 nursing services took care of 20 FSC for outpatient IC in Munich - 7/9 Nursing services took care of 20 FSC for outpatient IC in Munich - 7/9 Nursing services took care of 20 FSC for outpatient IC in Munich - 7/9 Nursing service management with home respiration course - 1/9 Nursing service management with home respiration course - 2/9 care provider: connected to Weaning-Centre - 3/9 cooperation with external hygiene specialist Key Findings - Hygiene management - 2/9 care provider: hygiene representative - 18/18 FSC: hygiene plans on site - 14/18 hygiene plans so nite - 14/18 hygiene plans so nite - 14/18 hygiene plans complete - 10/10 hygiene plans complete - 10/10 hygiene plans complete - 17/18 standard for endotracheal suctioning + handling of tracheal cannulas - 9/9 care providers: proven annual hygiene training - 8/9 training documents in hygiene - 18/18 FSC: VAH-listed hand disinfectants + wall-mounted hand - disinfectant dispensers in client rooms - 14/18 correct hand hygiene (4/18 complaints: jewellery, watches, painted nails) - 15/18 Hand disinfectant dispensers in rooms in which reprocessing of tracheal cannulas + suction is performed - 18/18 wearing PPE				
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	- 14/18 daily functional test of all active medical devices
Waste management	Not specified
Infectious critical activities (incl. MRSA, Screening,	Not specified
Surveillance)	
Caring for persons (prevention and infection control)	- 14/18 FSC standard to MRSA
	- 11/18 standard to MRGN
	- 13/18 standard to Norovirus
Handling of medication	Not specified
Laundry hygiene	- 18/18 FSC: own laundry
	- 13/18 industrial washing machines
	- 18/18 disinfectant detergent
	- 9/18 work instructions for laundry preparation
	- 16/18 disinfecting treatment + storage of work clothes
	- 9/18 improper preparation, drying, storage of cleaning utensils
Kitchen hygiene	Not specified
Conclusion/Limitations	

Conclusions in general: regular consultations, continuing education + hygiene inspections by public health department have positive effects on hygiene + emergency management

Personal qualification: Professional background + continuing education of nurses very different

Hygiene Management

- All care providers had hygiene representatives, but certificates of qualification with different information on scope + duration of the courses
- None of the hygiene representatives had a qualification according to the DGKH guidelines
- Hygiene plans: standards on MRE, MRSA, MDRO were partially missing
- Hand hygiene: well implemented
- Laundry preparation: need for advice; use of small industrial washing machines recommended
- Complaints in handling PPE, reprocessing of tracheal cannulae, respiratory/aspiration accessories + when handling surface disinfectants
- → good test result regarding organisational structures + hygienic equipment
- → So far, there are no binding regulations on the form of care in FSC, even if they are an integral part of outpatient medical care

Notes for review:

- Setting **FSC** applies to our research topic

- Limited data (only Munich)
- No limitations discussed by authors
- Consider new IPEG

Abbreviations:

DGKH = Deutsche Gesellschaft für Krankenhaushygiene

IC = intensive care

RGU = Referat für Gesundheit + Umwelt

VAH = Verbund für Angewandte Hygiene e.V.

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Data charting sheet - for health care professional, patients, relatives				
Study description				
First author	Leonhard, Matthias			
Title	Microbiological evaluation of different reprocessing methods fur cuffed and un-cuffed tracheostom		cessing methods fur cuffed and un-cuffed tracheostomy	
	tubes in ho	tubes in home-care and hospital setting		
Year	2016			
Country		eat Britain (remains unclear)		
Study aims	- To	evaluate different reprocessing n	nethods	
		.	functionality of tracheostomy tubes following	
		processing		
Methodology/Measures	Study desig	n: Experimental study (randomise	ed)	
	Method:	n of un-cuffed + cuffed tubes:		
			lected after minimum of 1 day of use	
			•	
	- Cuffed tubes were changed + collected after minimum of 3 days of use			
	1. Microbiological assessment			
	- Microbial concentration on the inner surface of the tubes was assessed BEFORE + AFTER			
	manual cleaning:			
	Procedure method A + D: Tube's lumen was rinsed with 10mL of sterile 0.9% saline			
	solution			
	•	Procedure method B + C: Tube	's lumen was rinsed with validated neutralizers	
	- Mi	crobial concentration of rinsing so	plution was determined by using the standard	
	microbiological serial dilution method + planting on different cultures			
	2. Tubes were assigned to 3 additional (!) cleaning procedures randomly			
	Cleaning Methods			
			- Brushing with a new tube brush (available from tube	
	А	Manual cleaning	manufacturers)	
		5	- Rinsing with tap-water	
			- Until macroscopically clean result was achieved	

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	В	Manual pre-cleaning + chemical disinfection	- Complete submersion of the cleansed tubes in a commercially available + by manufacturer recommended disinfection solution - For 1h at room temperature - Rinsing with tap-water
	С	Manual pre-cleaning + machine-based thermal disinfection in dishwasher	- Tubes were placed vertically in dishwasher - Peak process temp. 65°, standard washing program (48min), no additional cleaning agents
	D	Manual pre-cleaning + ultrasound sonification	- US-cleaning in a commercially available US- household device - Rinsing with tap-water
		ing material integrity	utubes were examined for visible signs of material
	 Cleaned + reprocessed tracheostomy tubes were examined for visible signs of material alteration including colour changes, deformation or other causes for loss of tube-function Cuff integrity was tested by inflation at 25mmHg of air + documentation of the maintenance of pressure during 20min with a cuff pressure manometer 		
Setting, Participants	C P COSS C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C		
Sample size	16 polymer tracheostomy tubes (8 cuffed + 8 un-cuffed) from hospital in-patients		
Sex	Not specified		
Age of participation	Not specified		
Kind of disease	Not specified		
Kind of artificial ventilation (incl. duration)	Not specified		
Family participation	Not specified		
Concept of home-based setting/Licensed beds	Not specified		
Professions/Qualifications involved/Duration professional employment	Not specified		
Cooperation (e. g. Lung specialist, Weaning centre)	Not specifi	ied	
Key Findings - Hygiene management			
Quality management for hygiene, e. g. Infection control	Not specified		
practitioner, duration h for infection prevention and control			
Training /education (incl. in- outdoor training)	Not specified		
Staff hygiene (incl. PPE, Hand hygiene)	Not specified		
Relative/visitors (incl. Physicians/Therapists)	Not specified		
Cleaning and disinfection aspects	Cleaning Methods		
	A	microbial reduction, but poor reli	ability + reproducibility

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	В	complete microbial elimination in all tested samples	
	С	reduced microbial burden, if secure fixation in a vertical position in dishwasher	
	D	did not improve results of manual pre-cleaning	
	(more det	ails: s. Tab. 2)	
Handling of medical devices	s. cleaning	and disinfection aspects	
Waste management	Not specif	Not specified	
Infectious critical activities (incl. MRSA, Screening,	Not specif	Not specified	
Surveillance)			
Caring for persons (prevention and infection control)	Not specified		
Handling of medication	Not specified		
Laundry hygiene	Not specified		
Kitchen hygiene	Not specified		
Conclusion/Limitations			

Conclusion:

- No standardized cleaning procedures or management policies on use + reuse of tracheostomy tubes exist
- Inner lumen of tracheostomy tubes is colonised by Staph. aureus, Staph. epidermis, Pseudomonas aeruginosa + Candida spp. most frequently
- Recommendation: manual cleaning + chemical or thermal disinfection (dishwasher seems to be optimal method for regular cleansing + disinfecting tracheostomy tubes, if tubes are placed in secure fixation)
- No signs of material alteration
- Cuff functionality after the single reprocessing regiments remained intact in all but one cuffed tubes

Limitations:

- No investigation on microbial reduction which can be achieved by using a dishwasher alone
- Only one single reprocessing step

Notes for review:

- Some aspects remain unclear (e.g. setting + country)
- No limitations discussed

Abbreviations:

US = ultrasound

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Data charting sheet - for health care professional, patients, relatives		
Study description		
First author	Neumann, Nadja	
Title	Multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO) in patients in outpatient care in Rhine-Mine region, Germany, in 2014. Prevalence and risk factors	
Year	2015	
Country	Germany	
Study aims	 Prevalence of MDRO Identification of risk factors for MDRO Finding differences in IC nursing services vs. other nursing services with regard to the colonisation of MRSA/ MDRO 	
Methodology/Measures	Study design: observational/ descriptive study	
	Period data collection: Oct – Dec 2014	
	Recruitment: 40/nursing services in Rhein-Main area were asked to take part (10/40 agreed to participate)	
	Measures: a. Anamnesis - HALT-questionnaire: survey instrument to investigate infections + antibiotic use in nursing homes in Europe	
	b. Swabs (nose, throat, anal) - Laboratory analysis of swabs (MRSA + MDRO)	
	Statistical Analysis:	
	- Differences nursing services with IC vs. without IC (Mann-Whitney, Odds Ratios, regression)	
Setting, Participants	100 11 1 100 1 1 1 101 11 1	
Sample size	486 patients (=10 nursing services in Rhine-Main area) - All patients anamnestic survey - 269 (55,3%) throat and/or nasal swab - 132 (27,3%) anal swab	
Sex	32,9% of all patients male sex (50% male sex in IC group)	
Age of participation	36,9% (0% IC) >85 years	
Kind of disease	Significant differences between nursing services:	

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		Nursing services without IC	Nursing services with IC
	Incontinence	27%	70%
	Disorientation	20%	40%
	Level of care depende	ncy >3 11%	55%
	Wheelchair assisted	16%	55%
	Urinary catheter	6%	55%
	Tracheostomy	0%	75%
	Invasive ventilation	0%	70%
	PEG-Sonde	2%	70%
	(more detail: Tab. 1)		
Kind of artificial ventilation (incl. duration)		ad tracheostomy vs. 75% (15/20) patients of	FIC TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO
·	- Invasively vent	ilated: 70% (14/20) of IC-patients	
Family participation	Not specified		
Concept of home-based setting/Licensed beds	10 nursing services in R	hine-Main area	
	- 9 "normal" nu	rsing service	
	- 1 IC service		
Professions/Qualifications involved/Duration professional	Ambulatory nursing services (normal + intensive)		
employment			
Cooperation (e.g. Lung specialist, Weaning centre)	Not specified		
Key Findings - Hygiene management			
Quality management for hygiene, e. g. Infection control	Not specified		
practitioner, duration h for infection prevention and control			
Training /education (incl. in- outdoor training)	Not specified		
Staff hygiene (incl. PPE, Hand hygiene)	Not specified		
Relative/visitors (incl. Physicians/Therapists)	Not specified		
Cleaning and disinfection aspects	In case of MRSA-detect	ion, requesting a free sanitation kit was poss	ible
Handling of medical devices	Not specified		
Waste management	Not specified		
Infectious critical activities (incl. MRSA, Screening,			
Surveillance)	Colonisation	Significant risk factors	
	MRSA	 Level of care dependency >3 	
		 Hospitalisation < 6 months 	
	ESBL	- Disorientation	
		 Hospitalisation < 6 months 	

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	MDRO - Catheter/ stomata - Level of care dependency >3 - Positive history for MRSA	
Caring for persons (prevention and infection control)	Not specified	
Handling of medication	1% of patients received an antibiotic on the day the smear was taken	
Laundry hygiene	Not specified	
Kitchen hygiene	Not specified	
Microbiological findings		

Significant differences between nursing services:

	"normal" nursing services	IC-nursing services	All services
MRSA colonisation	12.5%	3.2%	3.7%
3MRGN and/or ESBL	13.1%	30%	14.4.%
3MRGN	30%	5.7	7.6%
4MRGN	0	0	0

Conclusion/Limitations

Conclusion:

- High prevalence of MRSA + MDRO-colonisation in outpatient care
 - → 3MRGN-colonisation 3x as high as in normal population
 - → essential: good hygiene procedures (hand hygiene, wound management, punctures/ injections, catheters, stomata, artificial respiratory)
 - → hospital hygiene + infection prevention to be applied in outpatient care (KRINKO)
- **Significant risk factors for MRSA/ MDRO colonisation:** hospitalisation < 6 months, level of care dependency > 3, disorientation, catheter/ stomata, positive history for MRSA

Notes for ScR:

- No limitations discussed

Abbreviations:

ESBL = Erreger mit erweiterter Resistenz gegen Beta-Laktamantibiotika

HALT = healthcare-associated infections in long-term care facilities

IC = intensive care

MDRO = MRGN/ MRE = multiresistente (gramnegative) Erreger (3MRGN/ 4MRGN = Resistenz gegen Leitantibiotika aus drei/vier Antibiotikagruppen)

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Data charting she	et - for health care professional, patients, relatives	
Study description		
First author	Prasad, Nishant	
Title	Asymptomatic rectal colonization with carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae and Clostridium	
	difficile among residents of a long-term care facility in New York City	
Year	2016	
Country	USA	
Study aims	To determine prevalence of asymptomatic rectal colonisation with CDI or CRE in LTCF	
Methodology/Measures	Study design: cross-sectional study	
	Method: Rectal swabs over a 17-week period - Molecular analysis in laboratory - Analysis of risk factors or CRE + CDI Exclusion criteria: - Signs + symptoms of diarrhea - Documented CDI-associated infection/ treatment of CDI-infection - Residents on short-term rehabilitation floor Data analysis: - Statistical analysis using SAS	
Setting, Participants	- Independent t-test, fisher exact-test, logistic regression, p-values	
Sample size	301 patients	
Sex	63% female	
Age of participation	75 years (median age); only adult patients	
Kind of disease	Comorbid conditions:	
	- 84% hypertension	
	- 56% hyperlipidemia	
	- 49% diabetes mellitus	
	- 43% dementia	
	- 37% coronary heart disease	
	- 34% congestive heart failure	
	- 26% COPD	
Kind of artificial ventilation (incl. duration)	Ventilated patients:	

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		- Represented 41% of cohort
		- Over 90% external feeding
		- >30% had prior CDI-infection
		- 53% PPI within the last 60 days
Family participation		Not specified
Concept of home-based setting/Lice	ensed beds	80 bed ventilator unit (in a 320-bed medical centre-affiliated LTCF)
Professions/Qualifications involved/	/Duration professional	Not specified
employment		
Cooperation (e. g. Lung specialist, V	Veaning centre)	Not specified
Key Findings - Hygien	e management	
Quality management for hygiene, e.	g. Infection control	Infection control isolation policies (not further described)
practitioner, duration h for infection	n prevention and control	
Training /education (incl. in- out	door training)	Not specified
Staff hygiene (incl. PPE, Hand hy	giene)	Not specified
Relative/visitors (incl. Physicians	s/Therapists)	Not specified
Cleaning and disinfection aspects	s	Not specified
Handling of medical devices		Not specified
Waste management		Not specified
Infectious critical activities (incl.	MRSA, Screening,	S. microbiological findings above
Surveillance)		
Caring for persons (prevention a	nd infection control)	Not specified
Handling of medication		Not specified
Laundry hygiene		Not specified
Kitchen hygiene		Not specified
Microbiological findings		
Colonisation rates -	19% asymptomatic CDI-co	lonisation

Colonisation rates	- 19% asymptomatic CDI-colonisation	
	- 19% CRE-colonisation	
Colonisation with CRE was	- 19% history of CDI -infection (median 240 days since prior episode)	
associated with	- 45% history of CDI -infection + asymptomatic colonisation with CDI	
	- 26% history of CDI -infection + colonisation of CRE	
	- 17% history of CDI -infection + colonisation with CRE + CDI	
Factors associated with	- Tracheostomy collar	
CDI, CRE + concurrent	- Location on respiratory floor	
CDI/ CRE	- Colonisation with CRE	

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- Colonisation with CRE was associated with: MV, enteral feeds, PPI in the last 60 days, location on respiratory floors,
hyperlipidaemia, COPD, colonisation with CDI
- for patients with prior CDI-infection: lower number of days since prior CDI-infection was significantly associated with an increased
risk of CDI-colonisation + concurrent CDI/CRE-colonisation

Conclusion/Limitations

Conclusion:

- strong association of colonisation with CDI/ CRE with disruption of normal flora (by MV/ enteral feeds) + prior CDI-infection

Limitations:

- retrospective analysis
- multiple persons collected swabs + tabulated data
- study was conducted in a single LTCF → results may not be generalizable to others with different characteristics
- no data on antibiotic use available

Notes for review:

- Setting: stationary hospital, not outpatient care
- No hygiene management

Abbreviations:

CDI = Clostridium difficile

CRE = carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriacae

LTCF = long-term care facility

MV = mechanical ventilation

PPI = proton pump inhibitor

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Data charting sheet - for health care professional, patients, relatives			
Study description			
First author	Schwerdtner, Nora-Lynn		
Title	Herausforderungen im Umgang mit MRE in außerklinischen Intensivpflege-Wohngemeinschaften		
	Erfahrungsbericht und Ergebnisse einer Präv	alenzerhebung zu multiresistenten Erregern im	
	Stadtgebiet Jena		
Year	2020		
Country	Germany		
Study aims	Prevalence of MDRO + evaluation of hygiene	management in AKI-flat-sharing community in Jena	
Methodology/Measures	Study design: observational/ descriptive		
	Background: Reported evidence of MDRO-infection for initially 3 residents in 1 FSC → Occasional inspection + prevalence survey (MDRO-screening) of affected FSC → Additional survey of 3 providers of IC-FSC Data Collection:		
	Occasional, unannounced inspection + prevalence survey MDRO-prevalence survey		
	In affected FSC	In all 3 FSC	
	 Screening for MDRO + MRSA: nose/throat, groin, rectal swabs + on devices Inspection: Evaluation of practiced hygiene management Repeated screening after implementation of hygiene management requirements 	 standardized questionnaires for structural data (number + qualification of med. staff, number of clients cared for, number of beds, type + number of devices) Anamnestic data: MDRO colonisation rates 	
	Data Analysis: Descriptive		

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Setting, Participants			
Sample size	3/4 known FSC in Jena		
	24 patients		
Sex	Not specified		
Age of participation	3 patients < 18 years old		
Kind of disease	- 18/24 (75%) level of care dependency 4 + 5		
	- 4/24 (17%) mobile on their own		
	In total 75 devices:		
	- 21/24 (88%) PEG-Sonde		
	- 11/24 (46%) urinary catheter		
	- 4/24 (17%) suprapubic catheter		
	- 7/24 (29%) wounds		
Kind of artificial ventilation (incl. duration)	- 4/24 (17%) permanent respirator		
	- 7/24 (29%) <24h respirator		
	- 21/24 (88%) Tracheal cannula		
Family participation	Not specified		
Concept of home-based setting/Licensed beds	- 3 FSC (supervised by 2/3 nursing services in Jena)		
	- 24/40 (60%) occupied beds		
Professions/Qualifications involved/Duration professional	In total 60 employees in 3 FSC		
employment	- 14 geriatric nurses (Altenpfleger)		
	- 17 certified nurse (Krankenpfleger)		
	- 3 nursing assistant (Pflegehelfer)		
Community (and a superior of the Manager of the Man	- 4 other		
Cooperation (e. g. Lung specialist, Weaning centre)	Not specified		
Key Findings - Hygiene management	Operational increastion in offerted FCC		
Quality management for hygiene, e. g. Infection control practitioner, duration h for infection prevention and control	Occasional inspection in affected FSC: - Desolate hygiene management (e.g. hygiene plan not available, incorrect/ missing information		
practitioner, duration in for infection prevention and control	on disinfection, contamination on surfaces + medical equipment)		
	- Insufficient structural + technical requirements		
Training /education (incl. in- outdoor training)	Occasional inspection: knowledge deficits regarding basic hygiene despite annual training		
Staff hygiene (incl. PPE, Hand hygiene)	1/3 FSC: missing hygiene equipment such as hand disinfectant dispensers and washbasins in nursing		
Starr Hybreric (men 1 1 L) Haria Hybreric)	staff' dressing rooms		
Relative/visitors (incl. Physicians/Therapists)	Not specified		
Cleaning and disinfection aspects	Not specified		
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Handling of medical devices	Not specified
Waste management	Not specified
Infectious critical activities (incl. MRSA, Screening,	- 1/3 FSC admission screening by GP
Surveillance)	
Caring for persons (prevention and infection control)	Not specified
Handling of medication	- 18/24 (75%) patients received antibiotics < 6 months
Laundry hygiene	Not specified
Kitchen hygiene	Not specified
Microbiological findings	

Anamnestic MRE evidence in 3 WG	Occasional Screening in 1 AKI
 54% positive MRE-evidence 29% 3MRGN 23% 4MRGN 21% MRSA 	 6/6 patients with multiple colonisation (14 positive MDRO- evidences) 3MRGN + 4MRGN were found both on medical devices (tracheal cannulae, chatheter + PEG-Sonde) + patients themselfes MRSA detection on tracheal cannulae (for more details s. p. 7, Tab. 2)

Conclusion/Limitations

Conclusion:

- Multiple colonisations in 1 FSC is attributed to desolate hygiene management
- High device application rate in all 3 FSC (75 devices for 24 patients)

Limitation:

- Anamnestic survey was verified by screening only in 1 FSC
- City of Jena only: small database

Notes for Review:

- Desolate hygiene management only described as an example with experts from the inspection report
- Hygiene management of other 2 FSC not described at all

Abbreviations:

AKI = außerklinische Intensivpflege MDRO = multidrug resistant organisms (MRE, MRGN) FSC = flat-sharing community GP = general practitioner

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Data charting she	Data charting sheet - for health care professional, patients, relatives			
Study description				
First author	Toussaint, Michel			
Title	Is disinfection of mechanical ventilation tubing needed at home?			
Year	2006			
Country	Belgium			
Study aims	- To dete	ermine the HVC cleanliness + sterility of HVC	used by home ventilated patients	
	- To determine efficiency of tubing cleaning + decontamination protocols recommended to			
	patients			
Methodology/Measures	Study design: Pi	rospective Cohort Study		
	Method:			
		the study: Patients had received "Low Leve		
	,	n + taught); used for > 12 months (s. catego	·	
	- 39 used	d + 7 new EVAs (as control) were examined i	n 2 different experiments:	
		Experiment 1	Experiment 2	
	Where	During hospitalization OR during patient co	onsultations in the centre for MV	
	When	After the patient arrived	- The day after Exp. 1	
			- After cleaning done by investigators	
	Who	Exp. 1 + 2 by the same investigator		
	What	Analysis:	a. Cleaning by investigators (decided at	
			random):	
		1. Visual (EVA + complete circuit):	- Sequence A: HAC-cleaning	
		- 10-point scale (judged "dirty" = 2/10 or	(decontamination by 15min submersion	
		lower) + 4 criteria (*) of severity of visual	in a chemical 5% HAC-bath)	
		dirtiness	- Sequence B: dishwasher (90min	
		- 10 points maximum was also given for	programme at a temperature >65°C +	
		the full circuit with averaging of the mean score of the individual tubing	classical dishwasher powder)	
		parts	b. Analysis	
		puits	- s. Exp. 1	
		(*) colour (1 point = light; 3 points =	3. LAP. 1	
		dark); (2) incrustation (0 = disappears; 2		
		= stays); (3) extent (1 = particle; 2 =		

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	surface > 1 qcm); (4) relative humidity (0		
	= dry; 3 0 = humid)		
	2. Bacteriological (EVA only): dry swab on the EVA balloon +		
	evaluation in laboratory		
	Statistics Exp. 1 + 2 results for visual + bacteriological analysis were compared (paired + unpaired t-tests; correlations), p value 0.01		
Setting, Participants			
Sample size	39 severe restrictive ventilated patients		
Sex	Not specified		
Age of participation	Not specified		
Kind of disease Kind of artificial ventilation (incl. duration)	 All patients: functional tetraplegy with chronic alveolar hypoventilation 24/39 Duchenne muscular dystrophies 4/39 congenital myopathies 4/39 spinal muscular atrophies 4/39 tetraplegics 2/39 polyneuropathies 1/39 limb girdle dystrophy All respirators volumetric All patients ventilated at home with EVA for >12 months (mean time ventilated: 7.7 years) All patients: ventilation + tubing with valve between 6-12 months Group (T): 16/39 tracheostomy (circuits connected to humidifier + water trap) Group (N): 23/39 noninvasively with nasal mask (13 silicone custom made mask; 10 commercial mask) 24/39 continuously ventilated (16 by tracheostomy; 8 by mouthpiece during the day/ nasal 		
	mask at night)		
Family participation	Not specified		
Concept of home-based setting/Licensed beds	11/39 lived in institution28/39 lived at home		
Professions/Qualifications involved/Duration professional employment	Not specified		
Cooperation (e. g. Lung specialist, Weaning centre)	Not specified		
Key Findings - Hygiene management			

Appendix 3: Data Charting Sheets. Hygiene Management for Long-term Ventilated Persons in the Home Health Care Setting: A Scoping Review

Quality management for hygiene, e. g. Infection control practitioner, duration h for infection prevention and control	Not specified
Training /education (incl. in- outdoor training)	Patients: - Maintenance advice for HVC (*) is not well adhered to (even taught + written) - Need to be taught in hospital + repetition at regular intervals with short trainings - 10-point scale could be used to send feedbacks to patients (*) "Low-Level Decontamination + Cleaning"-Protocol: - To clean macroscopic spots with detergent + hot water followed by a 15min HAC-bath (diluted to 5%) - 2x per month: circuit, tubing + interfaces decontamination by HAC - To clean cannulae of tracheostomy with hydrogen peroxides (oxygen water)
	Professionals: - Clearly need additional training sessions to improve their expertise in respiratory equipment
Staff hygiene (incl. PPE, Hand hygiene)	Not specified
Relative/visitors (incl. Physicians/Therapists)	Not specified
Cleaning and disinfection aspects	2 different cleanings are described in the study:
	 "Low-Level Decontamination + Cleaning"-Protocol (s. category "training" above) Cleaning by investigator during Exp. 2 (s. category "methodology" above) ICU-hygiene protocols are not appropriate for home use, because they only recommend inadequate disinfection + fail in advising simple washing → need for maintenance protocols aiming for cleanliness, not for sterility → Recommendation by authors: low-level-disinfection in dishwasher All pieces of the circuit (masks, EVAs) at 70°C + 90min Available in most families + institutions Easy of use
Handling of medical devices	(s. "cleaning + disinfection aspects" above)
Waste management	Not specified
Infectious critical activities (incl. MRSA, Screening, Surveillance)	Not specified
Caring for persons (prevention and infection control)	Not specified
Handling of medication	Not specified
Laundry hygiene	Not specified
Kitchen hygiene	Not specified

Microbiological findings

Experiment 1:

- Dirtiness was worse in (T) than in (N)
- EVA in (T) were more contamined than in (N)
- Contamination rates (N): 22% (no presence of PPO)
- Contamination rate (T): 81% (19% were PPO)
- Significant correlation was found between the dirtiness of the complete tube + EVA
- 69% of EVA + 56% of circuits were visually dirty
- Circuits from patients living at home were visually cleaner than those from patients living in institutions
- 46% of the valves were contamined by microorganisms + 22% by fungi (seldom contamined by potentially pathogenic organisms)

Experiment 2:

- Remained dirty after dishwasher cleaning (HAC bath): 14% (64%) of dirty EVA > EVA cleanliness was significantly better after dishwasher cleaning with similar bacteriological decontamination
- choice of the dishwasher did not play any role in the quality of cleaning because all recent machines are equivalent

Conclusion/Limitations

Conclusion:

- Circuits from patients living at home were visually cleaner than those from patients living in institutions \rightarrow nurses in institutions need additional training sessions to improve their expertise in respirator equipment maintenance
- Maintenance advice for HVC is not well adhered to → patients + their families need trainings in hospital to demonstrate the utility of simple basic hygiene
- Dishwasher cleaning is more efficient than chemical HAC-bath → low-level disinfection is efficient + possible for families, patients + institutions

Notes for Review:

- There are no limitations discussed!!
- Method of visual assessment remains unclear (10 point scale + 4 criteria of severity) + why < 2/10 decelerated as "dirty"?

Abbreviations:

EVA = expiratory valves

HAC = Hospital Antiseptic Concentrate

HVC = home ventilation circuits

ICU = intensive care unit

MV = mechanical ventilation