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## Single Use Suctions Help Reduce Surgical Site Infections in the Middle East

British medical device manufacturer Single Use Surgical reports that hospitals in the Middle East have been making a small change that could have a big impact on the rate of surgical site infections across the region.

Leading surgeons are changing their reusable suction tubes to single use alternatives, in an effort to cut the risk of hospital acquired infection.

Studies have shown that suction tubes – an instrument used in almost all surgical procedures – particularly those with very narrow channels used in delicate surgery, are almost impossible to clean and become clogged with unseen blood or tissue. Even when manufacturer's recommended cleaning methods are followed and extra time is taken, debris from the previous patient often remains, which creates a high risk of cross infection when the suction is used for the next patient.

Single Use Surgical manufactures in British cleanrooms to guarantee that each suction is clean and free from debris before sterilisation.

Alycia Burton, Export Executive at Single Use Surgical, said: "we saw early adoption of single use suction tubes in the UK and we are pleased to see that hospitals in the Middle East also recognise that a simple switch to single use suction tubes offers a much safer option for their patients. We're really looking forward to helping others in the region make the change, which could help cut hospital acquired infections."

Single Use Surgical will be showcasing a range of single use suction tubes at Arab Health, which takes place at the Dubai International Convention Centre from 27-30 January. The company is looking for distributors in Bahrain, Jordan and Oman, amongst other markets and will be located at stand Z1F53 in the Zabeel Hall.

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## About Single Use Surgical

Single Use Surgical provides an alternative to reprocessing instruments with narrow channels. It offers a wide range of disposable suction tubes for use in delicate surgery. The company's focus on high quality, ergonomic design and customer support provides hospitals with a cost-effective alternative to difficult-to-clean instruments. Switching to single-use also reduces the volume of complex devices that pass through Sterile Processing Departments, helping to alleviate time constraints and ultimately reduce Hospital-Acquired Infection rates.

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