



SMART TEXTILES

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**DECITEX – Smart textiles announces its collaboration with Clean Hospitals and will be sharing its expertise of innovative microfiber mops for safer cleaning in Healthcare institutions worldwide.**

Lille, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – DECITEX – Smart textiles, French manufacturer of innovative microfiber mops and cloths for professional cleaners, is joining the Clean Hospitals network to participate in improving hospitals hygiene through its experience of ergonomical microfiber systems designed to

clean hospital floors with microfiber mops and water only, according to evidence-based protocols.

Clean Hospitals offers a unique blend of environmental hygiene experience and knowledge from diverse actors in all regions of the world. This initiative makes the difference by speaking in the name of the whole Healthcare Environmental Hygiene sector. It is recognized for its key stakeholders and the science-based and transdisciplinary integrative

approach used. Competitors collaborate and each other's opinions are discussed with a common goal: consistent environmental hygiene and raising standards. We want to harness our collective strength and make improvements while anticipating the future.

The primary objective of this young initiative is the improvement of hospital environmental hygiene and the protection of patients, employees, and the environment. This initiative is implemented internationally.

With 20 years' experience working with worldwide hospitals, DECITEX – Smart textiles, will share its expertise about innovative microfiber mops that actively help professional cleaners in healthcare environment, in needs of ergonomically, efficient and sustainable innovative textiles systems to prevent spread of infection in hospitals.

According to Nils Riancho, the right balance is also stated in the education of hand hygiene practice with frequent hand contact point cleaning working together to minimize the risk and consequence of cross-contamination. The COVID period is a tremendous accelerator for education in hand hygiene compliance and technique. Similarly, healthcare environment cleaning is of equal importance in the prevention of acquired infection.

“While we have a duty of care to protect people against infection within healthcare facilities, we similarly have a duty of care to protect and maintain a safe and sustainable environment for the next generation. Nature adapts to our environmentally intrusive and aggressive behavior. The evolution of multi-resistance micro-organisms bacteria against antibiotics and disinfection chemicals is a growing risk and threat for the future. DECITEX has a mission to develop innovative, enhanced 'Smart' textiles which, by design, have the capability to effectively remove contamination and hygienically clean floors and surfaces with water alone or minimal chemical synergy, in order to maintain both healthcare safety and environmental security.”

Nils Riancho, DECITEX - Smart textiles



When combined good hand hygiene and environmental cleanliness, these are the two faces of the same coin equally essential to have a long-term efficient impact on patient safety.

DECITEX will always put education in the center of its strategy and becoming a member of Clean hospitals organization is a key component for a better global understanding on hygiene and help the development of best hospital practice for the next generation.

**DECITEX - Smart textiles mission is to protect professional cleaners and patient's health through sustainable microfibers and minimal use of chemicals and water.**

For 20 years, DECITEX has been committed to developing innovative microfiber wiping and mopping solutions to cleaning surfaces and all kind of floors in healthcare institutions.

Since 2019, the company has been awarded the Nordic ecolabel Swan for 17 products of its microfiber products range. This accreditation award represents one more step in the company's mission for success in responsible production and accountability, ever more respectful of the environment. All products manufactured by DECITEX are designed to be smart, more sustainable, efficient and above all innovative in their market



sector applications. Through this partnership, our goal is to develop the best cleaning protocols that will protect professional cleaners and patient's health while having the lowest impact on the environment without compromising on advanced infection control protocols on flooring.

## Clean Hospitals and DECITEX – Smart textiles: a collaborative approach to raise standards

The current pandemic has provided strong evidence of the important role of environmental hygiene in facilities. Clean Hospitals' goal is to raise industry standards and increase the visibility of environmental hygiene in patient care. Ultimately, the improvements the group aims to reach are expected to benefit public health by lowering rates of healthcare-associated infections and reducing antimicrobial resistance.

### About DECITEX – Smart Textiles

*In a world where people have a growing desire to make conscientious consumption choices, DECITEX conceives, manufactures, and educates people on durable solutions that exceed the most demanding professional standard for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces with innovative microfiber mops and cloths. By personally engaging with our customers, we are offering people a thoughtful, lucid way to consume, which fully embraces the challenges related to people's health and the preservation of our existing and future natural resources. DECITEX invites people to pay attention to their consumption of water and chemicals and to aspire to live a healthier and more harmonious life where sustainability is key. [www.decitex.com](http://www.decitex.com)*

### About Clean Hospitals

*Clean Hospitals is a coalition of international stakeholders who work explicitly to promote Healthcare Hygiene. This initiative was born from a lack of strong guidance for environmental hygiene, missing awareness and the need for a whole sector to improve healthcare environmental hygiene.*

*Clean Hospitals seeks to harness the collective strengths of industry, academia, hospitals, governmental bodies and key stakeholders in order to collaborate across disciplines and interest groups. We aim to use the knowledge and momentum generated by our research and working groups to raise industry standards and increase the visibility of the hospital environment in patient care. Although the hospital environment tends to be one of the most understudied and underfunded areas in healthcare, there is enough literature in the field to prove that a well-maintained patient environment is crucial for preventing the spread of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance. Beyond patients, hospital environment hygiene also has a direct impact on the lives of the people working in the hospitals, as well as a broader impact on communities and the environment. The improvements in hospital environmental hygiene will benefit public health by lowering rates of healthcare-associated infections, reducing antimicrobial resistance, and protecting hospital staff as well as the larger environment. [www.cleanhospitals.com](http://www.cleanhospitals.com)*

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