

## Avoiding the Problem of Commode Cross Contamination An Economical and Time Saving Strategy

### THE PROBLEM

Common commode cleaning practices in hospitals and home healthcare settings have historically proven to be problematic. Current procedures include carrying the soiled pail to a “hopper room”, discarding the waste into the hopper, and rinsing the pail with water. Most hospitals require the pail to be sanitized. However, rarely is a final sanitation step included where the pails are completely sanitized with a hospital strength disinfectant, and even if a disinfectant is used, most brands require an exposure time of at least 10 minutes to kill some medically significant organisms. This time exposure requirement is most assuredly rarely followed. The described procedures for commode cleaning practices create a large possibility for patients and caregivers to come in contact with human waste, making the potential for bacterial cross-contamination very high. Plus, even given the short cuts that are obviously taken in a busy hospital or home healthcare setting, it takes healthcare workers an average of 7 minutes to carry out this cleaning process per patient commode. A better solution must exist.

### THE SOLUTION: A COMMUNE LINER

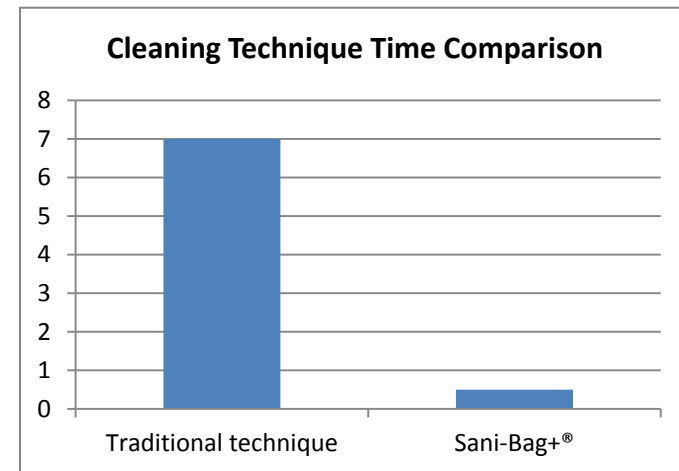
A commode liner aims to remedy the messy and undesirable job of cleaning commodes, and the problematic cross contamination that can result. A good liner should: Act in eliminating the possibility of cross contamination from human urine and fecal matter microbes by creating a barrier between the waste the commode/bed pan pail. Facilitate in the breakdown of the waste and subsequent biodegradation of the used product and bag. There are also important bag design considerations to examine. It should: Be a convenient size and shape to fit any commode, bedpan or toilet bucket/bowl. Have a tight and secure closure to eliminate any waste leakage after being discarded.

### THE SANI-BAG+® COMMUNE

The Cleanwaste Sani-Bag+® commode liner is the solution to all common commode cleaning and cross-contamination problems. Each liner contains a mixture of components that will **reduce odor commonly associated with human waste**. The liner is made of a **biodegradable** plastic biopolymer which is approved to be disposed of in landfills. The liner design is compatible with all hospital commodes, bedpans and toilets. The liner has easy, effective, and convenient tie handles that allow the user to close the liner, keeping its waste contents secure within.

The absorbent contained in every liner will **treat 32oz. of waste** resulting in a gelled product which will **prevent splashing** of the wastes in the caregiving environment.

The potential for caregivers to get ill via contact with human waste products is greatly minimized with the use of the Sani-Bag+® commode liner. The adoption of the commode liner will **save time** in the handling of human waste produced by patients in all aspects of healthcare. The time needed with the Sani-Bag+® commode liner is a mere fraction of that of the current commode cleaning technique.



**FIG.1** — As depicted above, it takes an average of 7 minutes for healthcare workers to clean a commode when practicing the traditional technique. It only takes an average of 30 seconds to clean a commode using the Sani-Bag+® commode liner.

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