

Thermo Contour Mattress Covers

The Princess Margaret Hospital Infection Control Test Result

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Thermo contour mattress covers are made from specially produced fabrics designed to resist contamination from spores and fungus, and pathogens which can cause infection.

When the fabrics are made up into mattress covers, the seams also need to be free from the risk of contamination.

A mattress which has been in constant use for over 12 months was taken at random straight from a ward to the Pathology department in the same hospital for a detailed examination.

Two tests were made:

1. For any sign of pathogens.
2. For traces of MRSA.

As can be seen, no trace of either was found.

The mattress cover therefore harbours no pathogens and is perfectly safe.

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Pathology Report 1

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| Patient | : THERMO Contour | Sex:M | DoB : | / / |
| Hospital No | : | Laboratory No | : | 11596 |
| Source | : Pmh Laboratory | Sample | : | 12/03/97 |
| Consultant | : Pathology Manager | Report | : | 18/03/97 |
| Fasting status | : No | | | |
| Clinical notes | : Mattress cover ? Any pathogens. | | | |
| Comment | : | | | |
| Specimen | | six swabs from "dirty" mattress cover | | |
| | | Various sites including all seams and zip | | |
| Culture | | No pathogens isolated | | |

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Pathology Report 2

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| Hospital No | : | Laboratory No | : | 11595 |
| Source | : Pmh Laboratory | Sample | : | 12/03/97 |
| Consultant | : Pathology Manager | Report | : | 18/03/97 |
| Fasting status | : No | | | |
| Clinical notes | : Mattress cover. | | | |
| Comment | : | | | |
| MRSA Screen | | | | |
| MRSA culture | | MRSA Not isolated | | |
| Swabs from: | | Mattress cover | | |
| | | Six swabs were taken from "dirty" mattress cover. | | |
| | | Areas swabbed were, head, body and foot. | | |
| | | Seams and zip | | |

MRSA = Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus

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