

# HiCare™

## Bath & EcoBath

### EVIDENCE BASED STUDIES



Patients in high dependency situations, including aged care residents and home care clients, have a higher predisposition to suffering from damaged tissue and/or infection.

HiCare Bath has undergone extensive independent and evidence-based studies to substantiate the integrity of our product. These tests have significantly differentiated HiCare Bath's quality and integrity as compared to other competitor brands.

**If you are using a disposable bathing product in a high dependency application such as aged care, it is paramount that independent studies such as the above provide (clinical) reassurance to both the caregiver as well as the recipient.**

**It is studies such as these that differentiate brands – all disposable wipes are not the same. Some may contain ingredients which may not be conducive to maximising high dependency skin care outcomes.**

#### 1. **Bio burden studies at an independent Sydney microbiological laboratory.**

The report on these studies clearly indicates we meet the BP 2011 standards for topicals, moreover, our packs cannot breed gram +ve and gram -ve (*S aureus*, *P aeruginosa*), *eColi*, *MRSA*, *A niger* and *C albicans*. Water is a component of all wipes, water is also the vehicle capable of breeding the bacteria *P aeruginosa* (also known as *pseudomonas*). Our testing confirms absolute safety for the end user recipient.

#### 2. **RIPT (repeat skin patch) consumer dermatological studies at a research laboratory in the USA.**

This report indicates HiCare Bath had no negative outcomes – there were no reports of allergic reaction or sensitivity (Even at Australian trade expos, we have seen evidence of no sensitivity with some nurses with pre-existing psoriasis – the formulation is gentle and nurturing).

#### 3. **Independent Research Study: The Treatment and Prevention of Skin Tears.**

A 2010 study ('Sharp Clinical Solutions' by Kate Sharp and Eileen Wilkins) was undertaken by The Wound Centre in Sydney. In part, this study advocates the use of HiCare Bath for skin tear treatment and prevention. It is freely downloadable from their website.



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