



Mongolian Emergency Service Hospital Hygiene Project

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First visit to Ulaanbaatar in June 2010. 30 visits to Mongolia since then, 20 visits to Germany, around 100 Mongolians.

3 years financing by German Ministry of Health. Now sponsoring by different companies. MeshHp e.V. - recognised as charitable.

## Main problems:

Hepatitis carriers – up to 20 %. Tuberculosis high numbers. Sexually transmitted diseases increasing.

Low budgets in public hospitals. Low knowledge. Always changing of responsible persons. Corruption.

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Main purpose training and knowledge, no equipment. Teaching after training often virtually only. Bad education of doctors.





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#### Hand hygiene

Start: Posters of WHO campaign everywhere. But: soap pieces, textile towels, no handrub. Now: Often fluid soap, paper towels, ready made handrub in dispensers





## Hepatitis

15 - 20 % hepatitis carriers in population. Liver cancer number one cancer.

Since 1991 vaccination of children against hepatitis B.

Since 2012 vaccination of HCWs against hepatitis B. Only 2 shots instead of 3 – vaccine is very cheap! Now changing to 3 shots. No antibody control.

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## Hepatitis C therapy

Hepatitis C therapy is possible since two years. 60,000 € in Germany, 1,000 € in Mongolia.

No state policy. Single persons are treated and cured now, mostly paying on their own.



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### Hepatitis carriers in staff

10 - 40 %!

Our proposal – take the German model: Virus concentration control Decide in a commission according to risk by job 10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>4</sup> genome equivalents/ml as cutting point



Risky workplaces: surgical work in

- gynecology,
- heart and lung surgery,
- (abdominal surgery),
- oral and maxillofacial surgery.

#### Risky work:

- operations with narrow operation field,
- Poorly visualised operation field,
- long operations,
- fingers near to sharp and spiky instruments,
- digital palpation of a needle tip in a body cavity,
- dental operations,
- closing of sterniotomy.

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## **Ongoing problem: Microbiologic labs**

No standard methods, no statistics, no quality control

Very old equipment

But also: Very modern equipment in many hospitals

- not enough budget for chemicals.



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## **Ongoing problem: Antibiotic policy**

Antibiotics are not allowed to buy without prescription - but you can buy them everywhere. 20 % are fake products from Russia or China. Antibiotics given in hospitals in 90 % without resistance testing.

Result in Mongolia: 40 – 70 % ESBL in Gram negative bacteria (Prof. Pfeffer, Düsseldorf) Germany: < 10 %

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## **Ongoing problem: CSSD**

Mostly manual reprocessing. Very old instruments, containers, autoclaves. No training, no standards. Often only cleaner and no disinfectant. Old autoclaves. Not enough budget, no maintenance.





Improvements



## Ongoing problem: Endoscope reprocessing

Only manual cleaning and disinfection (if at all) or half automatic washer-disinfectors Questionable disinfectants used too long and in too low concentrations – sometimes up to 2 weeks! Tenders every year – yearly change of products.

Improvements: More disinfectants, eg from Germany. Changing disinfectants more often.





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Improvements in Emergency Medical Center





## Cooperation of cities and universities





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