

Short profile

## The BODE SCIENCE CENTER

**In 2011, PAUL HARTMANN AG in Heidenheim, Germany founded the Hamburg-based BODE SCIENCE CENTER as scientific centre of excellence for hygiene and infection protection.**

Throughout the world, nosocomial infections pose a big challenge to healthcare facilities. Together with the pathogen's growing resistance to antibiotics the risks for patients increase threateningly. With that the pressure on healthcare institutions and their employees to reduce the risks of infection by effective hygiene rises.

### **Better practical implementation**

The BODE SCIENCE CENTER deals with current issues related to infection prevention and, on this basis, develops evidence-based solutions for healthcare facilities to be able to protect patients and employees against infections in a more reliable manner. Centre of attention is to easier and better embed the knowledge and patient protection measures in clinical practice.

For this, one substantial approach is to investigate and eliminate barriers to hand hygiene compliance. The scientific centre of excellence sets standards in this key element of patient protection – and has already achieved considerable improvements in clinical practice, for example, with a simplified, responsible rub-in method for hygienic hand disinfection, which is also recommended by the German “AKTION Saubere Hände” (Clean Hands Campaign).

With a holistic approach to risks that jeopardise patient protection the BODE SCIENCE CENTER has additionally developed sustainable and hygienically safe nursing processes.

### **Minimising risks jointly**

For its research the BODE SCIENCE CENTER has access to own resources such as research departments as well as development and test laboratories. And the BODE SCIENCE CENTER team intensively works together with external experts, including clinics such as the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany and research centres such as the University of Ulm, Germany. The continuous research points the way for a forward-thinking infection protection, integrating findings from nursing science, social psychology, infection control and health economics.

## The BODE SCIENCE CENTER's activities at a glance



Research for  
infection protection

### **BODE SCIENCE CENTER**

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- Centre of excellence for applied science in infection protection
- Development of practical solutions shielding from infection as well as their scientific support
- Research and development with own departments and laboratories
- Publication of own research results in the fields of infection control and hygiene
- National and international co-operation with experts to improve infection protection
- Transfer of specialised hygiene management know-how
- Training opportunities, for example with certified e-learning tools
- Support hotline with a team of experts trained in infectiology and microbiology

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## **About the HARTMANN GROUP**

*The HARTMANN GROUP is one of the leading European providers of medical and hygiene*

*products with core competences in wound treatment (e.g. wound dressings, negative-pressure wound therapy, conforming bandages, plasters), incontinence care (e.g. disposable incontinence briefs and pads as well as products for skin care in case of incontinence) and infection protection (e.g. surgical drapes, operating theater clothing, disposable surgical instruments and disinfectants). The portfolio is supplemented by products for compression therapy and first aid. Moreover, HARTMANN offers innovative system solutions for professional target groups in the medical and care sector. The company with its headquarters in Heidenheim/Germany, whose priority market is Europe, has operations around the world. In 2015, just over 10,300 employees in the HARTMANN GROUP generated sales of about EUR 1,941.0 million.*

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