

# Hydrant

Improving hydration, reducing infections, reducing length of stay and making savings



## The problem:

- Dehydration in hospital is not uncommon - not all patients can easily access offered drinks and staff do not always have enough time to help them drink
- Reduced mobility or difficulty manipulating cups and jugs, due to a patient's condition or treatment, makes things worse



## Patients with limited mobility need to have access to oral fluids whilst in bed or in a chair, which is:

- Safe and easy for them and staff
- Hands free and not requiring much movement
- Cost effective



## The solution:

- Hydrant – a fluid reservoir with drinking tube that self seals when the patient stops drinking
- Suitable for use in bed or a chair, as well as hands free
- Dish-washer proof so the same patient can reuse a single reservoir and tubing is replaced daily



## Benefits being delivered:

- Easy to use and cost effective to implement
- Access to fluids for patients with limited mobility when they need or want them
- Dehydration incidents reduced
- Patients like it
- Reduced hospital acquired infection, lower treatment costs and shorter lengths of stay – studies suggest that every £1 spent on Hydrant saves £16



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