

Bacteriological evaluation of NäsFrida® a nose-suction device intended for use in young children with common cold.

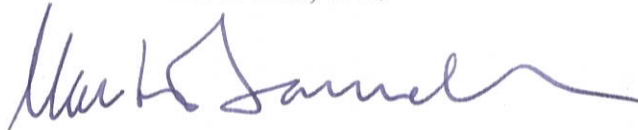
The study was conducted between January 1997 and July 1998 in collaboration with the Department of Pediatric and the Department of Microbiology, University Hospital MAS, Malmö, Sweden.

- A:** The study was designed to semi-quantitatively measure the transfer of bacterial pathogens and commensals from the affected child's nose through the NäsFrida® suction device to the user. The study was conducted in a scientific correct way.
- B:** Evaluation of the bacteriological samples was done in accordance with standard procedures used at the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, University Hospital MAS.

Results: Twelve children with nasal congestion were tested. In six cases the NäsFrida® device was used with the hygiene filter mounted and in six cases tested without the filter. In 10/12 children bacterial growth was detected in the distal tube of the device but in no case there was a contamination through the device. In 2/12 cases no bacterial growth were detected at the distal tube

Statement: The investigation clearly demonstrates that the NäsFrida device if used as intended by the manufacturer is safe regarding the risk of bacterial transfer from the infected child to the nurse.

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