

# Pseudomonas

Single  
Point  
Lesson

Pseudomonas infections are caused by bacteria from the *pseudomonas* genus. They are widely found in the environment i.e water, soil and plants.

## **Pseudomonas infections**

They usually do not cause infections in healthy people. If an infection does occur in a healthy person, it is generally mild.

More severe infections occur in people who are already hospitalised with another illness or condition, or people who have a weak immune system. Pseudomonades are fairly common pathogens involved in infections acquired in a hospital settings

Infections can occur in any part of the body and symptoms depend on which part of the body is infected. Antibiotics are used to treat the infections. Pseudomonas infection can be fatal in people who are already very ill.



## ***Minimising risk of pseudomonas aeruginosa contamination from hand wash sinks.***

Use hand wash sinks for handwashing only

Do not dispose of body fluids down sinks

Do not wash patient equipment in hand wash sinks

Do not locate alcohol gel dispensers at hand wash sinks. Locate dispensers at point of care or use personal issue.

Ensure all parts of the sink are cleaned correctly.

Ensure that there is no limescale on outlet

Ensure single use cartridges are used for wall mounted soap and alcohol gel dispensers

The Infection Control team can be contacted if you require any additional advice/support on 01744 457314