

A case study from Finland

A case study was implemented in 2016. Seven hospital districts in Finland participated to this study. The aim was to collect nursing staffs and maintenances experiences of suitability of SleepAngel pillows to hospital environment.

The results indicate that the Sleep Angel pillow is well suited for hospital use (Table 1). Cleaning of SleepAngel pillow is easy, and does not generate substantial additional work to maintenance or other personnel (Figure 1 and Table 2). 100% of respondents would like the hospital to use a pillow that prevents the spread of healthcare associated infections.

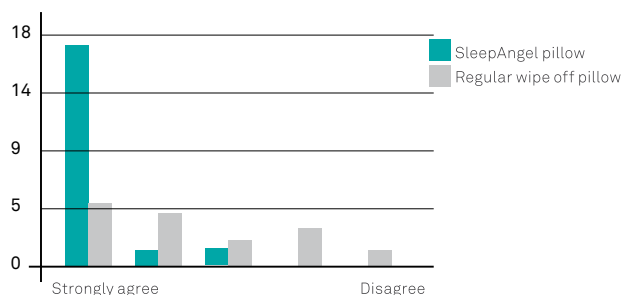


Table 1. The distribution of answers to claim "The pillow is well suited for hospital use"

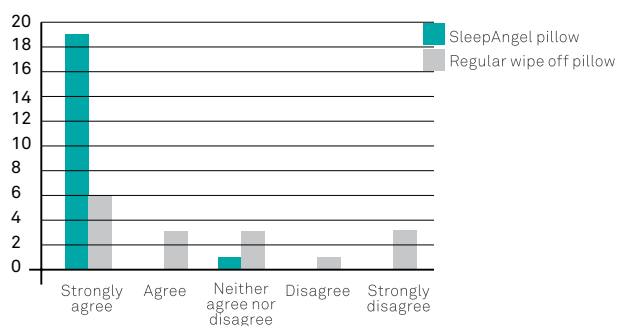


Table 2. The distribution of answers to claim "Cleaning of the pillow is easy"

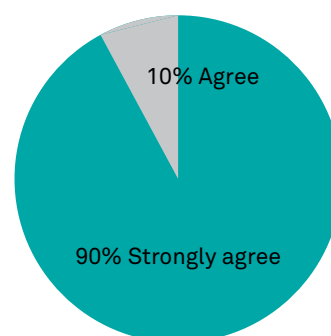


Figure 1. Cleaning of SleepAngel pillow do not cause substantial extra work

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the survey SleepAngel pillows are better suited to the hospital needs compared to conventional pillows used with plastic pillow protector. Use of SleepAngel pillows facilitate the work of maintenance.

During the test period open feedback was received. According to hospital staff it is particularly pleasing that the pillow is bed-specific and the pillows do not leave the room for the laundry, and therefore pillows are always available. In addition, cleaning of SleepAngel pillow is easier than separately washing the regular pillow and cleaning/replacing the pillow protector. In addition, the respondents reported patients has given mostly positive feedback on the comfort of SleepAngel pillows.