

Tristel donates Wipes for instrument reprocessing to surgical outreaches in Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon

In collaboration with Mr. Wale Olarinde, Ear Nose & Throat surgeon at Thornbury Hospital in Sheffield, Tristel has donated Wipes for instrument reprocessing to charity surgical outreaches in Dabou, Côte d'Ivoire (2015) and Sangmelima in Cameroon (2016). These surgical outreaches are under the auspices of the UK Forum of the West African College of Surgeons (WACS). A small group of medical and nursing staff from the UK, Canada and the host country usually carry out a surgical outreach program the week before the annual conference of the WACS takes place. All treatment is provided free of charge to the local population during this week.

Previous outreaches had focused on providing surgical treatment on outreach trips. During the last two trips in 2015 and 2016, the value of having a flexible laryngoscope particularly for assessing outpatients became clear. It had been a disadvantage to have a laryngoscope on these outreaches as it was not clear how to disinfect it after use on each patient. Mr. Olarinde explains: *"We have been able to use Tristel Wipes where otherwise safe disinfection would not have been possible. Local ENT staff have been trained on how to use them, which has allowed a significant number of flexible laryngoscopy procedures to be carried out on these outreaches. This has been of great benefit to patients (quick diagnosis of laryngeal conditions) but also to the ENT trainees who have had the opportunity to carry out more of the laryngoscopy procedures during the outreaches. Using the Tristel Wipes has been an enhancement to their training."*

The Tristel Trio Wipes System is a complete solution for high-level disinfection of non-lumened medical devices. It comprises of three wipes that in sequence perform the steps of the decontamination process: cleaning, high-level disinfection and rinsing. For more information about the Tristel Trio Wipes System, please visit www.tristel.com.



Tristel Wipes in use in Sangmelima, Cameroon



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