Inpatient Privacy Curtains: Comparative Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-Effectiveness, and Guidelines
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Research Questions
1. What is the comparative clinical effectiveness of reusable versus disposable cloth curtains?
2. What is the comparative clinical effectiveness of premium reusable curtains versus regular reusable curtains?
3. What is the comparative clinical effectiveness of premium disposable curtains versus regular disposable curtains?
4. What is the cost-effectiveness of reusable versus disposable cloth curtains?
5. What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding the use of privacy curtains?

Key Findings
No relevant literature was identified regarding the use of privacy curtains in hospitalized inpatients.

Methods
A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including Ovid Medline, PubMed, The Cochrane Library, University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases and a focused Internet search. No methodological filters were applied to limit retrieval by publication type. The search was limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2012 and November 14, 2017. Internet links were provided, where available.

Selection Criteria
One reviewer screened citations and selected studies based on the inclusion criteria presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Selection Criteria

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<th>Population</th>
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| Interventions | Q1, 4: Reusable privacy curtains (premium [e.g., copper] or regular type [e.g., regular cloth]), with or without antimicrobial properties  
Q2: Premium reusable curtains (e.g., copper)  
Q3: Premium disposable curtains (e.g., copper)  
Q5: Any kind of privacy curtain |
| Comparators | Q1, 4: Disposable privacy curtains (premium [e.g., copper] or regular type [e.g., regular cloth]), with or without antimicrobial properties  
Q2: Regular reusable curtains (e.g., regular cloth)  
Q3: Regular disposable curtains (e.g., regular cloth) |
### Results

Rapid Response reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, economic evaluations, and evidence-based guidelines.

No relevant health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, economic evaluations, or evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the use of privacy curtains in hospitalized inpatients.

References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

### Overall Summary of Findings

No relevant literature was identified regarding the use of privacy curtains in hospitalized inpatients; therefore, no summary can be provided.

### References Summarized

#### Health Technology Assessments

No literature identified.

#### Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses

No literature identified.

#### Randomized Controlled Trials

No literature identified.

#### Non-Randomized Studies

No literature identified.

#### Economic Evaluations

No literature identified.

#### Guidelines and Recommendations

No literature identified.
Appendix — Further Information

Randomized Controlled Trials – Unspecified Components in Curtains


Non-Randomized Studies

Alternative Comparator


Alternative Outcomes


Guidelines – Uncertain Methodology


Review Articles

