

Tutor's Statement to Diploma Thesis *Prevention of Nosocomial Infections* written by Heidi Riddervold Mourud, 6th year student

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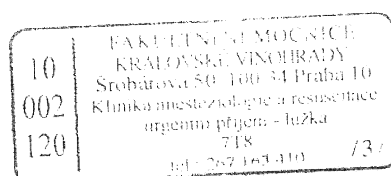
This thesis reviews current concepts in the prevention of nosocomial infections (NI). It has formal structure of a review paper and does not present any original data or formal metaanalysis. In the introductory part the author defines terms and reviews the history of this fascinating topic. The Result part describes the preventive strategies to copy with NI: first general measures are outlined and then the autor focuses on the prevention of particular infections (VAP, UTI etc.). Special emphasis is given to rational antibiotic therapy in order to prevent multi-resistant strains. The discussion part puts this into broader context. The thesis also contains Appendix about NI epidemiology in Norway. References contain 38 sources incl. web pages, most of them are sound and up-to-date.

The thesis is generally well written and sound and I **clearly recommend** it for the defence. It covers all important principles of NI prevention.

Minor comments: The discussion part should be a bit more focused. References referring to online sources do not contain the date of last approach.

Conflict of interests: I have been a tutor and advisor for this thesis and had had the possibility to influence it during writing. I hereby declare no other conflict of interests.

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