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Prof. Walter Popp specialises in internal medicine, occupational medicine and hygiene. He is the medical director of

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Message from Prof. Walter Popp:

“ It is now over 15 years ago that the Mongolian Emergency Service Hospital Hygiene Project (MeshHp) started working in Mongolia. In that time, we have seen major improvements in hospital hygiene, but a lot still needs to be done. Dr Gantumur was one of our first contacts and is still our main contact in Mongolia. She spent many years in Germany, speaks excellent German and

is very reliable. She is also a fixed point of contact for us – unlike in the public sector, where directors and other heads change all the time. The MeshHp project was the starting point for Dr Gantumur to found MedClean and import German products for hospital hygiene. And it's been a tremendous success story!

I wish Dr Gantumur and MedClean all the best and would like to thank Dr. Weigert for supporting us in Germany and Mongolia over the years. ”

Mongolia's Healthcare System: Growing Needs, Growing Standards

Mongolia is a vast country with only 3.5 million inhabitants. Over half of the population lives in the capital city, Ulaanbaatar. In recent years, rising living standards and rapid economic development – particularly in urban centres – have driven public expectations on the healthcare system and hygiene standards. Life expectancy has steadily increased as a result.

The country operates a **two-tiered healthcare system** consisting of primary care and specialised services. Healthcare delivery is structured across **three levels of care** – primary, secondary, and tertiary – and administered within two jurisdictions: the capital and the provinces:

- **Primary care** is provided through urban health clinics and rural family practices, with free access to basic services for both urban and rural residents.
- **Secondary care** focuses on district hospitals, serving the rural population. Some of these facilities are large in size but lack the medical equipment needed to perform more complex procedures. The state covers about 90% of the associated healthcare costs.
- **Tertiary care** includes all major hospitals and other institutions specialising in areas such as oncology, infectious diseases and maternity care. Most of these specialised institutions are located in Ulaanbaatar.

Overall, Mongolia has **more than 4,500 registered healthcare facilities**. The system offers **approximately 30,000 hospital beds**, 75% of which are in public institutions. The country has **63,000 healthcare professionals**.



Ulaanbaatar, capital of Mongolia

Medclean LLC –Elevating Hospital Hygiene Standards in Mongolia

Medclean LLC is a Mongolian company founded in 2013 with a clear mission: to raise hospital hygiene standards across the country. The company imports and distributes high-quality disinfection products exclusively from Germany, addressing a critical need in the local healthcare sector.

Medclean has grown significantly over the past decade. Today, more than **2,500 hospitals, clinics and medical practices** across Mongolia trust the company's expertise and product range. The demand for Western hygiene products – particularly those made in Germany – continues to grow, reflecting the strong reputation that German products hold in Mongolia.

Medclean offers a comprehensive portfolio, including cleaning and disinfection agents, indicators and rapid tests for Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), medical devices, particularly sterilisation equipment and IPC training, consultancy and capacity-building.

But Medclean's contribution extends beyond logistics and supply. The company actively supports infection control research, supervising bachelor's and master's theses in partnership with the Mongolian University of Medical Sciences and its Department of Microbiology. Furthermore, Medclean has played a key advisory role in helping the Mongolian Ministry of Health develop and introduce its national list of approved disinfectants.

Driving hospital hygiene in Mongolia

Medclean's founder and managing director, **Dr Gantumur Tsagaan**, earned her PhD in 1999 from the Ludwig Maximilian University (LMU) in Munich and spent over a decade conducting research at the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry in Martinsried. In 2007, she returned to Mongolia and worked in various roles within the national healthcare system, including public education initiatives for HIV and tuberculosis under the Global Fund.

During this time, she observed alarming deficiencies in hospital hygiene. Determined to change this, she teamed up with Prof. Walter Popp to co-found the **First National Forum on "Infection Prevention and Control"** in Ulaanbaatar in 2013 – with over 170 doctors, hygienists, epidemiologists and representatives from the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders from both national and international organisations.

This laid the foundation for what has since become a sustained effort: annual conferences, seminars and on-site consultations



Medclean LLC team

dedicated to improving hygiene practices in Mongolian healthcare facilities.

The impact has been profound

"Ten years ago, hospital hygiene was virtually nonexistent," recalls Prof. Popp. "Hand hygiene consisted of washing with a bar of soap and drying with cloth towels. There were no hand disinfectants, and surface disinfection was practically unheard of. Surgical instruments were rarely processed according to standards."

Today, the situation is vastly improved. Thanks in large part to the advocacy and outreach led by Dr Tsagaan, most hospitals in Mongolia are now equipped with **liquid soap, proper hand disinfectants and paper towel dispensers** at every sink.

Surgical instruments are not only cleaned, but are also **increasingly disinfected and sterilised** using modern equipment.

MeshHp: strengthening local hygiene infrastructure

Launched in 2010 as part of an initiative run by the Ministries of Health of Mongolia and Germany, the Mongolian Emergency Service Hospital Hygiene Project (MeshHp) is a bilateral effort to improve hygiene practices in healthcare facilities and emergency services in Ulaanbaatar. Dr Tsagaan represents Mongolia in the German–Mongolian partnership, regularly participating in delegations and site visits. She acts as a scientific advisor, trainer, local implementer and institutional connector, ensuring that MeshHp's goals are effectively integrated into the Mongolian healthcare system.



Dr Gantumur Tsagaan

MeshHp has already achieved significant, measurable improvements in infection control practices, transforming hospital hygiene standards in Mongolia and establishing a replicable model for national adoption. The project forms part of the bilateral health cooperation between the Ministries of Health of Mongolia and Germany, marking a milestone in the ongoing effort to strengthen healthcare structures and ensure safe, hygienic care for all. On 26 May 2025, the cooperation was extended for another five years.

Author: Dr Gantumur Tsagaan



Mongolian-German cooperation

International Partner Meeting 2025 – Exchange, Innovation and Partnership



Interactive workshop with our partners



All participants outside the Dr. Weigert headquarters in Hamburg, Germany

What an inspiring event! From 8–11 September 2025, over 35 international partners came together to exchange insights on products, markets and future concepts. Everyone contributed their own expertise, energy and team spirit.

Engaging presentations provided inspiration and valuable insights:

- Neutral vs enzymatic cleaners and procedures
- Reprocessing of robotic instruments
- Practical examples from MDR/CSSD/SPD and future trends

We also held interactive workshops on topics such as:

- Market and mega trends
- Sustainability
- Product conceptualisation and development
- Best practices in customer management

All of this led to new ideas and fresh perspectives. Some of our personal highlights were the PRACTICAL PRODUCT WORKSHOPS, where small groups received intensive training from a team of experts.

One participant summed it up perfectly:

“It was quite impressive to see how different our markets are – yet how similar our challenges are. This exchange has opened up new perspectives for me.”

The international event showed how different perspectives can really help to drive innovation, allowing us to shape the future together.

The event concluded with a dinner at the Übersee-Club in Hamburg – an evening full of lively conversation and Hanseatic charm.

We would like to thank all our partners for engaging in such open discussions, making inspiring contributions and sharing our common vision. Together we can march confidently into the future.

New subsidiary: Dr. Weigert in Portugal

Dr. Weigert is pleased to announce that we have taken another important step in our consistent growth strategy by establishing our 10th subsidiary. This development is a clear sign of our commitment to further expanding our presence in Europe and being even closer to our customers.

We are proud to already boast a large number of satisfied customers in Portugal. Our Portuguese partners continue to count on Dr. Weigert products for their quality and reliability. In order to live up to this trust and further optimise our service, we

have placed responsibility for the Spanish and Portuguese markets in one hand.

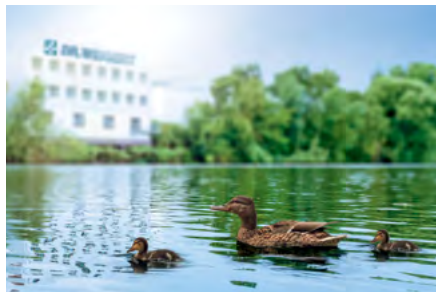
Gilberto Fernandez, managing director of the new subsidiary, will take over responsibility for both countries with immediate effect. We have made this strategic decision with the aim of responding to the very similar market conditions on the Iberian Peninsula with greater efficiency and a sharper focus on our local customers. Through this consolidation, we hope to create synergies and tangible added value for our customers in Spain and Portugal.

We are part of the UN Global Compact!

Dr. Weigert is pleased to announce that we have joined the United Nations Global Compact — a voluntary initiative for the development, implementation and disclosure of responsible business practices. Dr. Weigert is proud to join thousands of other global companies in taking responsible business action and shaping a better world.



Launched in 2000, the UN Global Compact is the largest corporate sustainability initiative in the world, with more than 20,000 companies based in over 160 countries, and more than 60 Global Compact Networks. Dr. Weigert is glad to be part of it!



*Dr. Weigert headquarters
in Hamburg, Germany*

New DNK report published

As a responsible company, we are committed to reporting on our ecological, social and economic impact and making continuous improvements in this area. That's why we have decided to prepare a voluntary sustainability report based on the German Sustainability Code (DNK). In order to comply with the Sustainability Code, companies prepare a DNK declaration covering the twenty DNK criteria and a selected set of quantifiable performance indicators. The first sustainability report was prepared in 2023 for the 2022 financial year. The German Sustainability Code is undergoing further development as part

of a project run by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE). Our latest DNK report has now been published, covering the 2023 financial year. The report demonstrates our commitment to sustainable business practices and our responsibility towards society and the environment. It highlights how our decisions are not only based on economic factors, but are also driven by environmental and social aspects.

www.deutscher-nachhaltigkeitskodex.de/de/berichte-einsehen/



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WFHSS Congress in Hong Kong

The 26th World Sterilization Congress (WFHSS) will be taking place in Hong Kong from 3 to 6 December 2025. The theme of the event is "Bring the Sterilization Science to the next level". International experts will gather to discuss the latest developments in sterile supply.

Dr Weigert booth: WFHSS - Hall 2 F10

WHX Dubai 2026

Arab Health, now rebranded as World Health Expo (WHX) Dubai, will be held at the Dubai Exhibition Centre, Expo City Dubai, from 9 to 12 February 2026. This is a leading platform for healthcare professionals, innovators and companies to connect, learn and exchange ideas.

Dr Weigert booth: WHX - Hall South 12.A31

We look forward to seeing you at our booth!

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