

Wet-Watcher

Care institution *Zuidwester* gives its opinion about the product



The Vahlkamp Wet-Watcher is a durable moisture detector for those in need of help in healthcare institutions and at home. Detecting urine, vomit, blood and sweat makes the care more efficient; fewer check-ups and more importantly: the improvement of life quality through a better night's sleep, so that people can focus on the priorities of care, and therefore on the patient/client. The environment is also less polluted by waste production.

The sensor was developed in 2020, but due to corona it is now getting its debut in the media. In this article, *De Zuidwester* shares her experience as the first user of this product.

Zuidwester: "We use the Wet-Watcher in combination with disposable diapers. The Wet-Watcher improves the quality of life by enabling better sleep and providing personal care, because the staff can be alerted when a client's bed gets wet and take action quickly. Because of the Wet-Watcher we started working differently during the night shift; we started using domotics, so that our standard (changing) rounds were no longer necessary. A client no longer has to lie in a wet bed for a long time because we did not notice that the client was wet."

"Thanks to the Wet-Watcher sensor, we have reduced the use of disposable diapers, which is a very big improvement for us and the environment. Moreover, the use of the Wet-Watcher has reduced the costs of disposable diapers for the organization."

"Though, there was a challenge with the Wet-Watcher mat. When the mat got wet, the moisture leaked through into the bottom sheet and sometimes the mat shifted or some clients accidentally loosened the cables. This problem has been solved by an anti-drip mat and placing the mat under the sheet also helps. A wet sheet in case of incontinence or other moisture loss is acceptable in that case."

"In the beginning we had to learn to rely on the use of domotics. We were used to doing several check-ups and changing clients. So it took some time to get used to it because we no longer had to check standardly."

"Vahlkamp is innovative, always thinks along with us and when it comes to action-reaction they are always in turbo mode. Innovations are almost always implemented very quickly and the service is friendly and adequate."

