Why Disposable Curtains Matter

- Reduce the risk of hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) by ensuring curtains are replaced at regular intervals rather than laundered, which can be inconsistent.

- Antimicrobial finishes (e.g., Microban 3G Silver™) embedded into non-woven polypropylene help continuously inhibit bacterial growth

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2. Curtain Products from Medguard

- **Universal Disposable Curtain**

  - Compatible with most track systems (K-track, J-track, Cube) via eyelet design.

  - Comes in 1.8 m and 4.2 m widths; fire-retardant to BS5867-2:2008 Type C.

  - Features a clear "date changed" label with anti-peel backing.

  - Built-in Microban for full lifecycle protection

- **Uniglide Hook Disposable Curtain**

  - Uses innovative "lollipop" hooks that slot into existing rails—no need for track conversion.

  - Fast, stackable system ideal for quick changes in busy areas like GP or maternity units.

  - Also includes built-in Microban, fire-retardant finish, and date label

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3. Matching Curtain to Track System

- **Eyelets (Universal Curtain):** Ideal for facilities with a mix of track types—maintains ease of replacement without altering infrastructure.

- **Uniglide Hooks:** Perfect for ladder-free, fast changeovers; stackable so curtain swaps take seconds on standard tracks.

- **Tip:** Identify your current track (K, J, Cube, or rail) to determine whether eyelets or hook-type curtains suit best.

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4. Key Selection Criteria

Feature	Why It Matters	Medguard Options
Antimicrobial Protection	Reduces contamination risk	Both Universal & Uniglide include Microban 3G Silver™
Fire Safety	Mandatory compliance (BS5867-2 Type C)	Both curtains are certified
Date Labelling	Ensures replacement schedule compliance	Both feature anti-peel, visible labels
Installation Speed	Faster changeovers reduce downtime	Eyelets (~2–3 min), Hooks (seconds via Uniglide)
Environmental Impact	Recyclable materials reduce landfill waste	Non-woven polypropylene is recyclable

5. Track & Compatibility Considerations

- If installing new tracks, consider systems that support hookless or eyelet curtains. Some proprietary "snap-track" systems allow ladder-free, quiet changes.

- Tools like "Marlux Adapt-a-Track" enable you to retrofit existing tracks for eyelet curtain compatibility

6. Change Protocol & Staff Safety

- HSE best practice recommends a six-month renewal cycle for disposable curtains, supported by visible date.

- Choose curtains that facilitate quick ladder-free swaps to reduce staff risk and disruption.

7. Choosing: Universal vs Uniglide

- **Universal Disposable Curtain**

  o Choose when: Diverse track systems exist, budget flexibility, cart-style changes acceptable (~3 min).

  o Pros: Highly compatible, antimicrobial, recyclable, fire-safe.

- **Uniglide Hook Disposable Curtain**

    - Choose when: High turnover, fast-paced wards, prefer rapid hook-in replacements.

    - Pros: Stackable hooks, ultra-fast, antimicrobial, fire-safe.

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8. Final Checklist ✅

- Curtain width fits your track (1.8 m, 4.2 m, etc.)

- Compatible fixings (eyelet vs Uniglide hook)

- Built-in antimicrobial finish

- Fire-retardant certification (BS5867-2 Type C)

- Date-change labelling on-panel

- Recyclable polypropylene material

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9. Next Steps

1. **Audit Track Types** in your facility.

2. **Sample Both Curtains** (Universal and Uniglide) to compare ease-of-use and compatibility.

3. **Implement Change Policies** using visible date labelling.

4. **Monitor Compliance** and replacement frequency for infection-control data.

By aligning your facility's track systems, change-over needs, and safety standards to the suitable Medguard product, you'll ensure optimal infection control, ease of use, and regulatory compliance.

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