

Prominent Physician Backs Plan to Eliminate Hand Sanitizers

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NEW ORLEANS – As the NATO Department of Immunology hears arguments on the potential repeal of requirements for hand sanitation within hospital environments, prominent local physician Howard U. N'Drepants says he backs the Dirty Hands Association position.

Over the past 145 years, N'Drepants has built a thriving hospital in rural St. John the Baptist Parish, and has never been afraid to go after pesky germs and viruses of all shapes and sizes. But when it comes to the Hand Sanitizer Corporation – N'Drepants himself invented Soft Soap™ in 1916 while recovering from permanent 'shell shock' in a foxhole near Verdun – he draws the line, as the product has become a magical 'cure-all', which significantly cuts down on extended stays due to infection and other repeat business.

N'Drepants' criticisms of Hand Sanitizer go far beyond what's stated in the Dirty Hands Petition, rejecting accusations that N'Drepants has a personal vendetta against Hand Sanitizer President, Norman Conquest, stemming from Conquest's appointment to the Zoning Board, at which time he suggested that N'Drepants appeared to have 'double-dipped' on certain Property Tax Credits.

Ironically, N'Drepants is the wealthiest physician in the United States, but has never charged a single patient so much as a dime in doctor's bills or hospital fees. "I think it's unethical to charge a patient a fee" he said, calling the medical profession generally, and Hand Sanitizer in particular, nothing but a "money grab".

When asked how he made so much money without ever charging a patient a fee, N'Drepants explains that his wealth all comes from his gargantuan fertilizer business. "Some people" he explains, "depend on wholesalers and retailers to get the product out. But to be really successful, you have to spread the fertilizer yourself."

Nick-named 'The Doc of Schlock', N'Drepants deals in fertilizer from all sources: chicken, cow, horse, pig, bull, dog, and even human. "If there is one thing I know, it's fertilizer" he says. "I am probably the world's leading expert. I've made more money from fertilizer than anyone else in history."

N'Drepants' generosity does not stop with free medical treatment, however. When a family member suffered from a stroke and needed a transplant, Dr. N'Drepants (who is quick to point out to anyone who will listen) selflessly donated the functioning portion of his brain.

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of 38 Chamber Rag interviews from the Fertilizer Farm near LaPlace.)