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The FORUM team wanted to know more and phoned Birgit Bruns, the head of nursing at the Hüttenhospital.

Hello Mrs Bruns, how many Quado bedside cabinets do you have and where are they used?

There are 127 bedside cabinets that we use on our four normal wards. In the intensive care unit we use mobile servers.

What convinced you about the Quado?

That it is a small, manageable bedside cabinet in which you can't put too much and which doesn't take up much space in the room. We also like that we can dock the bedside cabinets to our Stiegelmeyer beds for transport and that you can adjust the height and fold out the table with one hand.



In addition to storing patients' personal belongings, the Quado in Dortmund is currently also used to provide disinfectants and protective gear. (Photo: Hüttenhospital Dortmund)

What advantage do you gain from saving space?

Treatments take place in the rooms and patients are often mobilised next to the bed. With the Quado, we gain significantly more space.

Are patients satisfied with the storage space and shelf area of the Quado?

At the beginning of their stay, many patients say: "That's a small one!". But then they quickly learn to work with it and see that the bedside cabinet is sufficient. Our old, larger bedside cabinets were often cluttered with all kinds of things. That has improved a lot, now there is more order in the rooms. Eating with the help of the overbed table also works very well.

How do you clean the bedside cabinets?

Manually – and here, too, the Quado is a great relief. The large, smooth surfaces and rounded corners make reprocessing much easier for our service staff. The removable drawer can be held under running water or put in the dishwasher, which is an optimal solution.

Do you often attach the Quado to the bed when you relocate patients?

We always use this when patients are relocated within the same floor. The beds with attached bedside cabinet do not fit in our lift. But even within the same floor it is a relief. In the past, two nurses had to push the bed and a third the bedside cabinet. Now two people are enough.

Do you use our accessories for the Quado?

Yes, our bedside cabinets are equipped with the magazine compartment and the monitor holder. Patients can thus watch TV directly at their bedside.

How does the Quado fit in optically on your wards?

Very well, our beds have anthracite head and footboards, and the grey bedside cabinets match them well.

Thank you very much for the interview!