

TEAT DIPPING / DISINFECTING

Task Description:

Conventionally, teats are disinfected by dipping them in a cup of disinfectant. This requires repetitive reaching out of the hand/arm holding the cup (although the cup is not usually heavy).

Comments of the employee:

- *'We have a system with which it is possible for the teats to be disinfected automatically by having an extra line into the cluster carrying the disinfectant (both to and from).'*

MSD risks:

- Posture - reaching out with the arm repeatedly

Exposed areas:

- Hand / Wrist
- Arm / Shoulder

Solutions:

- Installation of an automatic disinfectant line removed the need for any action by the milker



Comments

- This is an optional arrangement and the disinfectant line may be removed or simply not used.
- One disadvantage is that the cluster has to accommodate an extra tube connection which both makes it heavier and closer to the floor. This second point may make it difficult to use on cows with particularly low udders.