



Press Release

Expansion of the production site for membranes

3M invests 40 million US\$ in Wuppertal

The global science company 3M will expand its dialysis membrane production capacity by building new spinning lines for over 40 million US\$ by the end of 2018. The demand for membranes and filters for blood purification is rising continuously worldwide.

The new highly automated facility, built with 3M proprietary technology, will produce membranes continuously and in top quality. It will increase 3M's dialysis membrane production capacity by 50 per cent.

Increasing demand for blood purification

Growing population and growing wealth lead to an increase in lifestyle diseases like obesity and diabetes and so also kidney disease. The need for blood purification procedures is thus on a continuous rise. Also, more and more developing countries cover kidney replacement therapies by reimbursement.

More patients in home care

Another growing market for 3M is home haemodialysis: instead of having to travel to a dialysis clinic thrice a week, an increasing number of patients performs the therapy at home in a

supported self treatment. These patients experience a great gain in quality of life. Furthermore, this treatment can be done daily instead of thrice weekly, which leads to better clinical results.

Leading supplier of membranes

3M with it's site in Wuppertal, Germany, is a leading supplier of membranes for medical and technical-industrial applications.

Only in April the company spent 27 million US\$ for the remediation of the Wuppertal site.

About 3M

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