

# ANTIMICROBIAL COPPER MAY HELP LIMIT THE SPREAD OF INFECTION-CAUSING BACTERIA THROUGH MEDICAL DEVICES.

Let's take a look at stethoscopes.

## THE PROBLEM

## STANDARD STETHOSCOPES ARE DIRTY

One study showed that

**80%**

of stethoscopes are contaminated with bacteria



**70-90%**

of physicians and nurses **fail to regularly disinfect their stethoscope** between patients

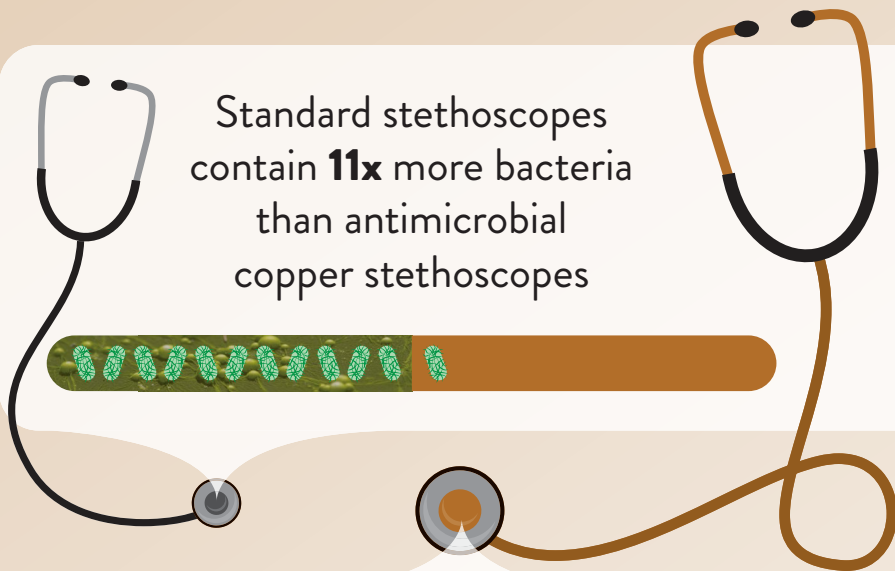
There is **no universal prescriptive guideline for sanitizing** this ubiquitous medical instrument!



## THE SOLUTION

## CUVERRO® KILLS BACTERIA<sup>1</sup>

Standard stethoscopes contain **11x** more bacteria than antimicrobial copper stethoscopes

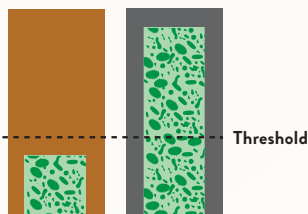


Antimicrobial copper stethoscopes have

**91%**

**fewer bacteria** than standard stethoscopes

**Stethoscopes made with antimicrobial copper help keep the bacteria level on them close to or below the generally accepted threshold** for the concentration of bacteria on healthcare surfaces



**Standard stethoscopes carry a microbial burden that significantly increases the likelihood of transferring infectious bacteria**

<sup>1</sup>Laboratory testing shows that, when cleaned regularly, CuVerro surfaces kill greater than 99.9% of the following bacteria within 2 hours of exposure: Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), Staphylococcus aureus, Enterobacter aerogenes, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, E. coli O157:H7, and Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus faecalis (VRE). The use of CuVerro® bactericidal copper products is a supplement to and not a substitute for standard infection control practices; users must continue to follow all current infection control practices, including those practices related to cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces. This surface has been shown to reduce microbial contamination, but it does not necessarily prevent cross contamination. CuVerro® is a registered trademark of GBC Metals, LLC and is used with permission

**CuVerro® antimicrobial copper can transform stethoscopes AND other medical devices.**



Thermometers



Weight Scales



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