Moving Antimicrobial Copper from the Laboratory to the Clinical Setting

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CDA Mission

The Copper Development Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit trade association that provides technical, market development, education and support services for the U.S. copper industry with a vision towards positively influencing the use of copper and its alloys in today's society.

Copper - Properties

Symbol: Cu Atomic Number: 29 Atomic Weight: 63.546 Standard state: solid at 298 K Color: copper, metallic **Properties:** Ductile Malleable High thermal Conductivity High electrical Conductivity Easily alloyed Good corrosion resistance **Readily available Highly recyclable Antimicrobial**



Copper Alloys: Laboratory Effectiveness & Regulatory Approvals



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Focus of CDA Research

- Inhibitory effects of touch-surface materials on bacteria, including:
 - Wrought & cast copper-based alloys
 - o Stainless steel, aluminum, plastics and more
 - o Silver-containing coatings and other antimicrobial surfaces
- Effect on organisms that are known human pathogens and present a serious threat to society
 - MRSA
 - Clostridium difficile
 - H1N1
 - E. coli O157:H7
 - Black mold
 - And more...





MRSA Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*

- An antibiotic-resistant "Superbug"
- One of the most serious and widespread hospital-acquired infections
- Following slide shows:

Staphylococcus aureus Image courtesy of K Hiramatsu

- Copper alloys kill MRSA within two hours
- In comparison, stainless steel shows little effect after 6 hours



MRSA Viability



















Antimicrobial Copper efficacy: Influenza A

Stainless Steel Samples: 6 hours



Antimicrobial Copper (99.9%) Samples: 6 hours



Antimicrobial Claims in the United States

EPA Jurisdiction—FIFRA



What is FIFRA?

- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)
- Federal control of pesticide distribution, sale and use
- US EPA studies the consequences of pesticide usage
- All pesticides must be
 - Registered
 - Properly labeled
 - Present no harm to environment
 - Demonstrate efficacy, only if related to human health



US EPA Good Laboratory Practice Tests

- Three US EPA Approved Test Protocols @ 20° C
 - Efficacy as a Sanitizer
 - Residual Self-Sanitizing Activity
 - Continuous Reduction of Bacterial Contaminants
- Six bacteria
 - Staphylococcus aureus
 - Enterobacter aerogenes
 - Escherichia coli O157:H7
 - Pseudomonas aeruginosa
 - Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
 - Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus
- Six Alloys
 - C11000, C26000, C28000, C51000, C70600, C75200
 - Two or three separately manufactured lots/heats of each alloy
 - Over 3000 samples

Test Protocol 1: Efficacy as a Sanitizer Results

Label claim: This surface kills 99.9% of bacteria within 2 hours of exposure



■ Initial Concetration ■ Viability on S304 ■ Viability on C110





- 1) Initial reading after 120 min.
- 2) Six 'reinoculation and wear' cycles (using Abrasion Boat), and
- 3) Final reading after 24 hours.

Residual Self-Sanitizing Activity Results *E. coli* 0157:H7



--- Antimicrobial Properties of Copper are Still Fully Effective



Test Protocol 3: Continuous Reduction of Bacterial Contaminants

Test procedure

- Inoculate test samples every 3 hours for 21 hours, 8 total inoculations
- No cleaning in-between inoculations
- Continuously measure antimicrobial efficacy prior to each reinoculation for 24 hours



Continuous Reduction of MRSA on C110





Six U.S. EPA Registrations

- Issued Feb 29, 2008 & July 12, 2009
- Antimicrobial Copper Alloys
- Six bacteria
- Public Health Claims
- EPA Reg. Numbers 82012-1 thru 82012-6
- 355 Registered Cu Alloys
- Minimum 60% Cu Content





Label claims

[Antimicrobial Copper Alloys continuously reduce bacterial* contamination, achieving 99.9% reduction within two hours of exposure.]

[Antimicrobial Copper Alloys surfaces kill greater than 99.9% of Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria* within two hours of exposure.]

[Antimicrobial Copper Alloy surfaces deliver continuous and ongoing antibacterial* action, remaining effective in killing greater than 99.9% of bacteria* within two hours, even after repeated wet and dry abrasion and re-contamination.]

[When cleaned regularly, Antimicrobial Copper Alloy surfaces kill 99.9% of bacteria* within two hours, and continue to kill more than 99% of bacteria* even after repeated contamination.]

[Antimicrobial Copper Alloy surfaces help inhibit the buildup and growth of bacteria* within two hours of exposure between routine cleaning and sanitizing steps.]

*Staphylococcus aureus, Enterobacter aerogenes, Escherichia coli O157:H7, Methicillin -resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Vancomycin Resistant Entercoccus



Label claims(continued)

Required language:

The use of a Copper Alloy Surface is a **Supplement** to and **not a substitute** for standard infectious control practices; users must continue to follow all current infection control practices related to cleaning and disinfecting environmental surfaces. The Copper Alloy surface material has been shown to reduce microbial contamination, but **not necessarily prevent cross contamination**.



Copper Alloys: Effective in the lab... EPA Registered

Do they work in the hospital environment?



"Infections acquired during hospital stays kill more people than breast cancer, auto accidents and AIDS combined"

-Dan Childs, ABC News, Medical Unit



2,000,000 Infections per Year



100,000 Deaths per Year



~\$35-45 Billion per Year

March 2009 report by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Medicare to stop payments for preventable infections



U.S. Clinical Trials

- Funded by The U.S. Department of Defense
- Trials at three sites:
 - Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
 - Medical University of South Carolina
 - Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center









Bacteria that cause infections can be found in administrative areas and patient wards (after cleaning)



Bacterial Count: CFU/100cm2



Phase 1 results: objects closest to patient most contaminated



Salgado et al. "Microbial Burden of Objects in ICU rooms." Poster presentation, Interscience Conference for Antimicrobial Agents in Chemotherapy (ICAAC), October, 2008.

Copper hospital components













90% reduction of Bacteria on Copper Surfaces



Salgado et al, Poster Presentation, 5th Decennial International Conference on Hospital Acquired Infections, 2010

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Antimicrobial Copper Cu⁺

Hospital de Calama, Chile

- Calama, Chile very dry environment
- Demonstrates copper surfaces work despite low humidity





Chilean trials results: ~90% reduction on copper surfaces





Northshore Hospital clinical trials Manhasset, NY

- Measure/compare bioburden on phlebotomy chairs
 - Arms and tray tables copperized
- Compliments existing clinical data
 - Outpatient clinic
 - High percentage HIV positive





La Z Boy Phlebotomy Chair



Northshore Hospital clinical trials Copper components fabricated











Northshore Hospital trials Copperized chairs installed





Compelling Performance Data





Halo Effect



Hirsch, B.E. et al, Poster Presentation, 50th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents in Chemotherapy, Boston, September 2010.

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Clinical trials are currently in operation around the world





Additional Activities



Antimicrobial Copper Brand

Antimicrobial Copper





Effect of Tarnishing

Tarnishing <u>Does Not</u> Reduce Antimicrobial Effectiveness of Copper Alloys!



Effect of Tarnishing



E. Coli O157:H7 Viability: Bright vs. Tarnished





Thank You

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