

THE TRUTH ABOUT STETHOSCOPES

Studies show that unprotected stethoscopes increase the risk of hospital-acquired infections.



85% Average stethoscope contamination rate¹

75% Average number of clinicians not disinfecting in between patients¹

WHERE ARE THE GAPS ACCORDING TO RESEARCH?



DIAPHRAGM CONTACT WITH THE SKIN

Comparable level of contamination with the patient's skin²



COMPARABLE TO THE HANDS

Comparable level of contamination with the clinicians' hands³



LACK OF CLEANING BY CLINICIANS

Majority of clinicians do not disinfect in between patient encounters⁴



INEFFECTIVE CLEANING METHODS

Cleaning practices may only be partially effective in eliminating bacterial DNA.⁴

STETHOSCOVER'S SOLUTION

- Latex-free barrier for the diaphragm protects the patient's skin
- Touch-free, automated application
- More efficient workflow than cleaning
- Lower cost alternative to disposables
- No acoustic interference

Links to Studies

- [1. APIC Issue Brief - Strategies to Mitigate Cross Contamination of Non-Critical Medical Devices](#)
- [2. Predictors of Heavy Stethoscope Contamination Following a Physical Examination](#)
- [3. Contamination of Stethoscopes and Physicians' Hands After a Physical Examination](#)
- [4. Stethoscope Cleaning Standards May Not Eliminate Bacterial Contamination](#)