
Antimicrobial Copper

Economics and case studies

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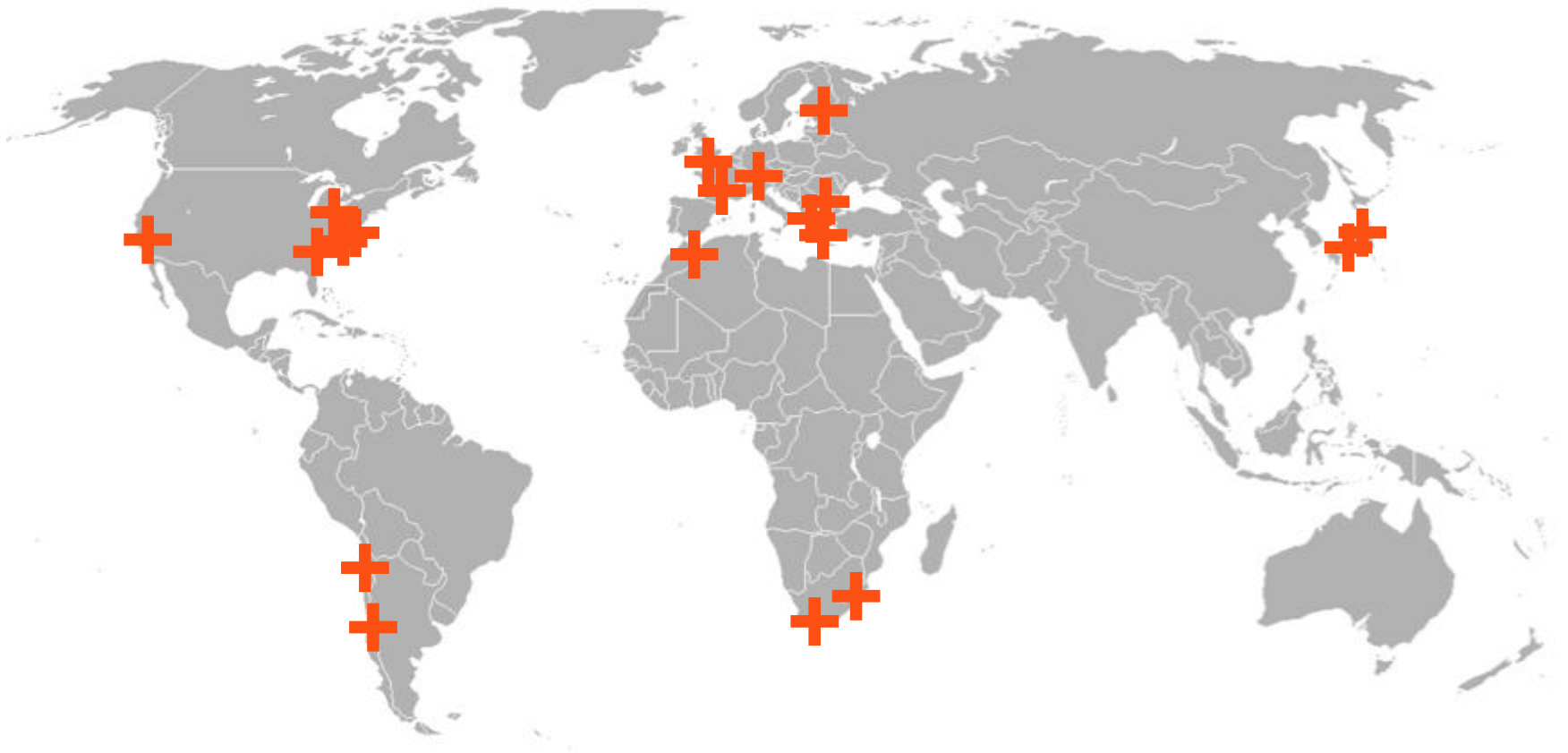
Europe – some headline numbers

HCAIs... infections resulting from healthcare interventions

- 7.1% overall prevalence rate – over 4.1 million patients affected
- Up to 51% prevalence in Intensive Care Units (ICUs)
- 16 million extra days in hospital
- Direct costs: €7 billion
- 37,000 deaths directly caused by HCAIs
- Additional 110,000 deaths where HCAIs contributory factor

02.00 Clinical evidence and case studies

Independent clinical trials have been conducted at multiple locations around the world



Fighting infections is a multifaceted challenge



- Antimicrobial Copper needs to be seen as a **supplement** to, not a substitute for, standard infection control practices.
- One must continue to follow all current practices, including those related to cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces.
- Antimicrobial Copper is compatible with hospital cleaning agents.
- Antimicrobial Copper alloy surfaces must not be waxed, painted, lacquered, varnished, or otherwise coated. The alloys oxidize to varying degrees, which does not impair their antimicrobial efficacy.

University Hospitals Birmingham, NHS Foundation Trust

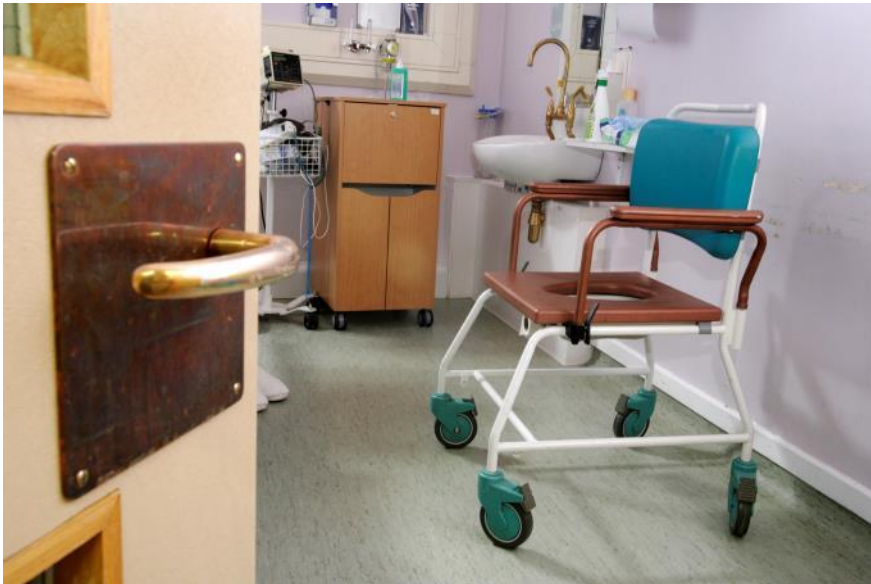
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Reinhard Tennert, Director of AKH:

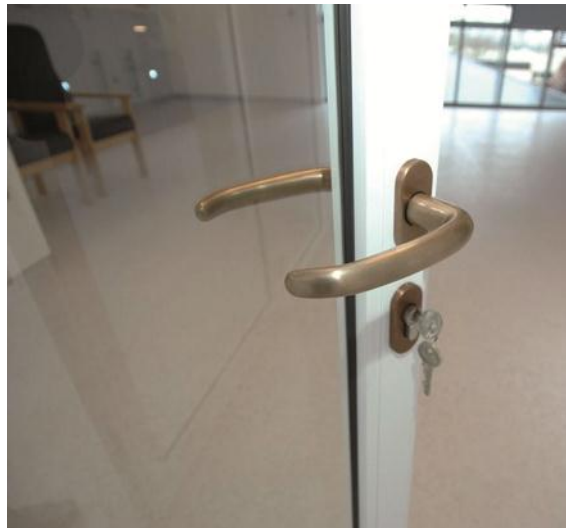
"It is important for us to get ahead with investing in supplementary hygiene measures, and to therefore be able to offer our youngest patients the best possible protection against infections carried by germs.

Cases of illness resulting from a lack of hygiene are **unethical**, **extremely expensive** due to treatment costs of up to a quarter of a million Euros per case of treatment, and furthermore have a negative effect on the **image** of the whole organisation."

Craigavon Area Hospital, N. Ireland

- Maternity and Surgery

 Southern Health
and Social Care Trust



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Homerton University Hospital, London, UK

Homerton University Hospital **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust



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Roberto del Rio Children's Hospital, Chile

- Paediatric Hospital



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Dr Ignacio Hernandez, Director of Roberto del Rio:

“This initiative will benefit children who are hospitalised in critical conditions as they will be in a healthier environment.”



03.00 What about cost?



An Economic Evaluation of the use of Copper in Reducing the Rate of Healthcare Associated Infections in the UK

Presented at:

- WHO International Infection Control Conference, Geneva (ICPIC 2013)
- The International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, Dublin (ISPOR 2013)

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Research in Health Economics

The Business Case for Copper

- YEHC - Global leader in healthcare associated modelling
- Model developed to calculate payback for upgrading to copper
- Allows input of local HCAI rates and costs
- Works in £, € or \$
- Fully referenced model



Example: 20-bed ICU, new build, UK



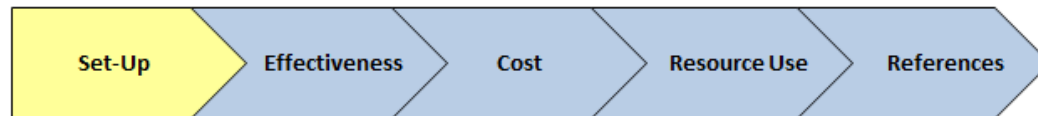
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The purpose of this sheet is to set up the model for the appropriate hospital setting. The typical number of patients entered in the cells shaded in green. Whether or not copper items will be introduced to general wards, ICU or surgical pathogen in the model can be entered in the appropriate green shaded cell.

Number of beds in unit	20
Average length of stay in ICU (days)	5.7
Average length of stay ward/single room (days)	3.0
Calculated number of patients per year (Cohort)	1,200
Yearly change in number of patients	0%

Setting: ICU

Infection to be included in the model: All Healthcare Associated Infections

Currency: Euro (€)

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Outcome and length of stay in different European and North American ICUs. Results from the European/North American scoring multicenter study in 137 ICUs with 13,152 intensive care patients (51)


Country	ICU Patients (n)	Mortality Rate (%)	Length of ICU Stay (days)	Length of Hospital Stay (days)***	Mean Score SAPS II	Mortality Observed/Expected
Belgium	1,091	21.7	6.2	21.5	0.9	1.12
Finland	720	17.6	4.1	14.0	31.0	0.88
France	1,393	28.9	9.7	18.9	40.5	0.92
Germany*	1,807	15.7	6.0	21.0**	30.3	0.9
Italy	1,297	31.3	7.2	20.5	38.6	1.07
Spain	1,270	27.1	9.5	22.8	32.2	1.31
Switzerland	756	13.8	4.9	17.6	30.7	0.74
The Netherlands	950	20.0	5.5	19.3	31.3	1.02
United Kingdom	136	32.4	5.7	14.8	42.1	0.96
U.S./Canada	3,732	19.7	5.9	17.1	32.1	0.96
Total	13,152	21.8	6.6	19.1	33.2	0.99

* Including one ICU from Austria

** The average length of stay in German hospitals is about 14 days

*** No. of days in hospital from beginning of ICU stay

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The following infection rates are taken from published papers. The rate and the time period in months over which the infections occurred should be entered into the appropriate cells. 'user defined data' should be selected in the drop down menu. A new monthly rate will automatically be calculated.

		Monthly infection rate											
		ICU			Ward			Single room					
		Rate	Time period (months)	Monthly rate	Rate	Time period (months)	Monthly rate	Rate	Time period (months)	Monthly rate			
All healthcare associated infections		HPA 2011	23.400%	12	0.0195								
Cairns et al. 2010			27.100%	12	0.0226								
Health Protection Agency 2011			23.400%	12	0.0195								
User defined data													

Reduction in infections*
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*Rates from Salgado (2013) showed a reduction of 58.1% for the copper arm versus non-copper arm. A conservative assumption of a reduction of 20% has been used as default in the model.

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		ICU			Montl	
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	Unit cost
Cost of an additional day in hospital due to infection	€ 1,000
Visit to general practitioner	€ 0
Outpatient	€ 0

Cost of equipment

	Unit Cost		Number required	Total cost	
	Copper	Baseline		Copper	Baseline
Bed rails sets	€ 5,360	€ 4,020	20	€ 107,200	€ 80,400
Overbed tray table	€ 402	€ 201	20	€ 8,040	€ 4,020
Chair	€ 469	€ 335	20	€ 9,380	€ 6,700
Call button	€ 67	€ 27	20	€ 1,340	€ 540
Data device	€ 335	€ 134	20	€ 6,700	€ 2,680
IV pole	€ 402	€ 268	20	€ 8,040	€ 5,360
Optional copper items					
Grab rails	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lever handle set	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Push plates set	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cistern handle	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Tap set	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other 1	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other 2	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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This sheet is used to enter the resources a patient will use as a result of acquiring an infection. These are extra days in hospital and subsequent visits to a GP and/or an outpatient visit. These resources are assumptions and should be changed to reflect local care pathways

Resource use for an event

	Extra days in hospital	General practitioner visit	Follow up outpatient visit
All Healthcare Associated Infections	6	1	1

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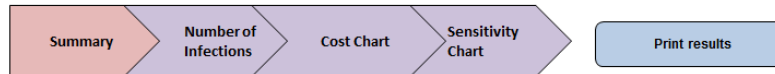


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An Economic Evaluation of the Use of Copper in Reducing the Rate of Healthcare Associated Infections in the UK.

The purpose of this model is to calculate the number and associated costs of Healthcare Associated Infections in different clinical settings and to evaluate the benefits of a copper intervention on key touch surfaces compared to non-copper items. It then calculates the Return on Investment (ROI) and indicates other tangible benefits.

5 year results

	Copper	Baseline	Incremental
Total cost (excluding cost of infections)*	€ 140,700	€ 99,700	€ 41,000
Number of infections	720	900	180
Cost per infection averted (excluding cost of infections)			€ 227.78
Total QALYS gained			64.44
Cost per QALY			€ 636.25
Cost of infections*	€ 4,320,000.00	€ 5,400,000.00	-€ 1,080,000.00
Total cost of intervention*	€ 4,460,700.00	€ 5,499,700.00	-€ 1,039,000.00
Cost per infection averted			Dominant

*These are direct costs to the hospital (no GP costs or societal costs have been included in the model)

Number of bed days saved per year	216
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These results are based on the following scenario:

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Number of patients per year	1,200
Setting	ICU
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reduction in HCAs	58%	20%
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factor	reference	example 1	example 2
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pay back time		< 3 months	< 1 month
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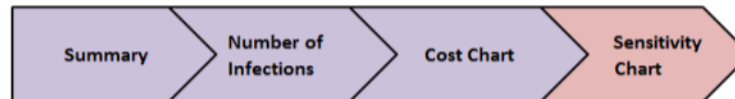
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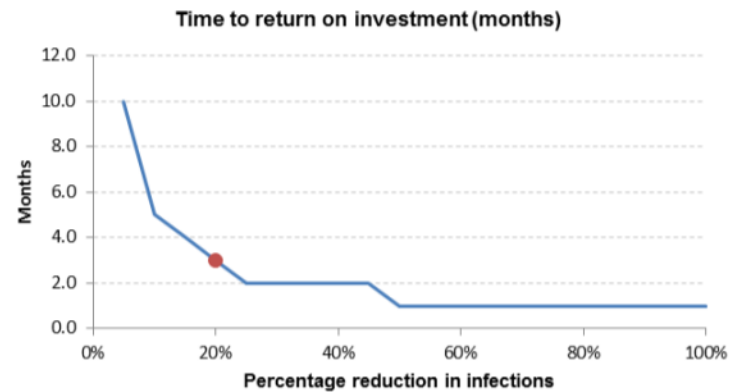
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- Cost per infection
- Return on investment



This chart shows the change in the cost per infection averted (the blue line) as the reduction in infections due to copper increases. The red circle denotes the baseline result.

04.00 Conclusion & next steps

5 reasons to install Antimicrobial Copper touch surfaces

1. A supplement to standard hygiene practices
2. Continuous and significant bioburden reduction
3. Improved patient outcomes
4. A simple, cost-effective intervention
5. Payback in less than one year

The mark of the most effective antimicrobial touch surfaces



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The Science behind Antimicrobial Copper

Science suggests that Antimicrobial Copper kills bacteria with a multifaceted attack.

The mechanism by which Antimicrobial Copper kills bacteria is complex by nature, but the effect is simple. The questions and answers below summarise active and ongoing research seeking to explain how Antimicrobial Copper is the most effective touch surface.

How does copper affect bacteria?

Science suggests that copper surfaces affect bacteria in two sequential steps: the first step is a direct interaction between the surface and the bacterial outer membrane, causing the membrane to rupture. The second is related to the holes in the outer membrane, through which the cell loses vital nutrients and water, causing a general weakening of the cell.

How can copper punch holes in a bacterium?

Every cell's outer membrane, including that of a single cell organism like a bacterium, is characterised by a stable electrical micro-current. This is often called 'transmembrane potential', and is, literally, a voltage difference between the inside and the outside of a cell. It is strongly suspected that when a bacterium comes in contact with a copper surface, a short circuiting of the current in the cell membrane can occur. This weakens the membrane and creates holes

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