



CURTAINS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO HARBOR MICROORGANISMS³

60% OF HOSPITAL UNIFORMS ARE CONTAMINATED¹

CLEAN LINENS BECOME CONTAMINATED POST LAUNDERING²

Reduce Post-Laundry Contamination with SilvaClean[®] Antimicrobial Laundry Additive

SilvaClean is a transformative antimicrobial textile treatment and the first ever residual antimicrobial laundry additive for reducing post-laundry contamination. As a unique, inexpensive intervention for soft surfaces, SilvaClean textile treatment can be recommended as a helpful addition to hospitals and sports infection control programs. SilvaClean treatment augments existing laundry processes with active antimicrobial properties effective anytime a microbe touches the textile: in storage, during handling and in use.

The problem

More than 45 published articles demonstrate that:

- Linens harbor bacteria, mildew and mold for months – prior to, during and after use.
- Contaminated linens have been shown to spread bacteria, mold and mildew throughout the hospital environment.

The SilvaClean solution

- Inexpensive addition to infection control programs.
- Kills pathogens by 99.9%: *Staphylococcus aureus* in 6 hours and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in 3 hours.
- Works on all existing textile inventory.
- Automated, passive intervention that does not require a change to existing linen management workflows.

Residual protection

Current laundering processes are only designed to clean soil and contamination on textiles at the point of laundering. When linens are being used, SilvaClean remaining in linens will reduce levels of *S. aureus* by 99.9 % after 6 hours of contact and *K. pneumoniae* by 99.9% after 3 hours of

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What is SilvaClean?

- A water-based ionic silver residual laundry additive for reducing post-laundry contamination
- Invisible and odorless, creating no perceptible difference in the look or feel of textiles
- Effective for use on a wide range of textiles
- EPA-approved and patented
- A helpful addition to Infection Control programs

Innovative hospitals using SilvaClean may see:

- ✓ Cost savings
- ✓ Aids infection control
- ✓ Improved patient experience
- ✓ Reduced waste
- ✓ Improved HCAHPS scores
- ✓ Industry leadership

Proven to protect against post-laundry contamination

Many surfaces in the patient environment are contaminated with bacteria, mold, and mildew

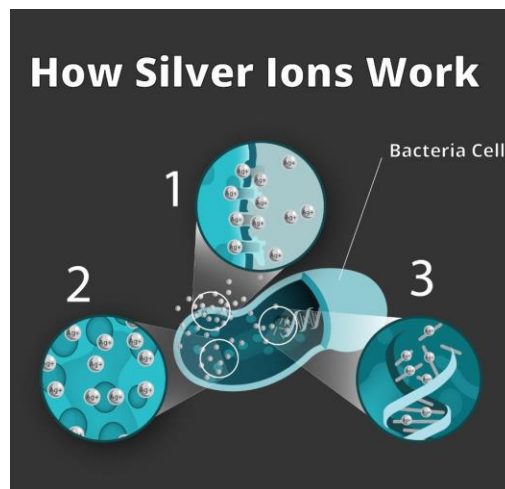
- Linens harbor bacteria, mildew and mold for months – prior to, during and after patient use
- Contaminated linens have been shown to contaminate the hands of Healthcare Workers
- Contaminated sheets are proven to spread microbes all throughout the hospital environment

SilvaClean will kill 99.9% of *S. aureus* after 6 hours of contact and 99.9% of *K. pneumoniae* after 3 hours of contact with SilvaClean-treated fabric (cotton, cotton/polyester blend and microfiber materials).

How does it work?

SilvaClean uses positively charged silver ions – the most effective form of silver – to create an antimicrobial effect.

The result? SilvaClean enables highly effective antimicrobial textiles to reduce the overall bioburden to protect the patient environment.



1. Silver ions bind to surface proteins in bacterial cell wall causing it to rupture.

2. Once inside the cell, silver ions attach to metabolic enzymes, suffocating the cell.

3. Silver ions bind to the DNA and RNA strands, preventing cell replication

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Call today to implement SilvaClean as part of your Infection Control strategy