

Colloidal Silver

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I thought it would be fun to clear the air on a much maligned, abused, and thoroughly misunderstood substance, Colloidal Silver. I would like to begin by pointing out there are at least seven trace elements found in fair-sized amounts in the human body which have shown no toxicity at small exposures. Three of them, bismuth, lithium and silver are present in small amounts, less than three milligrams, and are not expected to take part or interfere in biological processes at those levels. So much for its toxicity! Because the use of silver in medicine has such a long and illustrious history, I thought it wouldn't hurt to share some of this information so you can gain confidence in recommending it to people who can best benefit from its use.

Paracelsus (1493-1541), often referred to as the "father of pharmacy" early on in his career arrived at the conclusion "that all minerals subjected to analysis might yield curative and life-giving secrets." Isn't this a thought we have all expressed through the years but can not interest anyone in pursuing? Silver has been employed in human health care and in the search for immortality since the days of the Chinese alchemist 8,000 years ago. Many feel that silver is in fact an essential element, not because it is required for an enzyme system, but rather as a systemic disinfectant and immune system support. Sir Malcom Morris reported in the British Medical Journal (May 12,1917) that colloidal

silver is "free from the drawbacks of other preparations of silver, instead of producing irritation it has a distinctly soothing effect. It rapidly subdues inflammation and promotes healing of the lesions, it can be used with remarkable results in enlarged prostate with irritation of the bladder, in pruritis ani and perineal eczema, and in hemorrhoids."

J. Mark Hovell reported in the British Medical Journal (December 15,1917) that, "colloidal silver has been found to be beneficial for permanently restoring the patency of the Eustachian tubes and for reducing nasopharyngeal catarrh. Colloidal Silver has also been used successfully in septic conditions of the mouth, throat, including tonsillitis, ear including Meniere's symptoms, and in generalized septicemia, leucorrhea, cystitis, whooping cough and shingles."

Taken internally, the particles of colloidal silver are resistant to the action of dilute acids and alkalis of the stomach and intestine, and consequently continue their catalytic action and pass into the intestine unchanged. T.H. Anderson Wells reported in Lancet (February 16,1918) that a preparation of colloidal silver was "used intravenously in a case of puerperal septicemia without any irritation of the kidneys and with no pigmentation of the skin." Silver sulfadiazine (Silvadene) is used in 70 percent of the burn centers in America. Sulfadiazine has been used successfully to treat syphilis, cholera and malaria: it also stops the herpes virus responsible for

"cold sores" and "fever blisters."

Silver is an anti-bacterial, anti-viral, and fungal anti-metabolite that disables specific enzymes that microorganisms use for respiration. Silver is such an efficient anti-bactericidal that our Great-grand mothers put silver dollars in fresh milk to keep it from spoiling at room temperature.

Humans can consume 400mg of silver per day. A silver "deficiency" results in an impaired immune system. In the book, *The Body Electric*, Dr. Robert Becker identified a relationship between low levels of tissue and dietary silver and the rate of illness such as flu's, colds, etc.

Dr. Becker stated that, "silver deficiency was responsible for the improper functioning of the immune system, and silver does more than just kill disease causing organisms; it was also causing major growth stimulation of injured tissue.

According to *Science Digest* (Silver; Our Mightiest Germ Fighter. March 1978) silver is an antibiotic, silver kills over 650 disease causing organisms; resistant strains fail to develop; silver is absolutely non-toxic to humans at standard rates of consumption.

Lastly, if I were you, I would once again review the descriptive literature regarding some additional potential therapeutic benefits of colloidal silver mentioned in the For♦Mor catalog. Don't overlook this mighty product. Knowledge of your subject is strength, confidence, and power.