

INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES

The most meaningful evaluation of any product should be based upon the benefits experienced by its customers...

We've carried a range of Colloidal Silver brands over the years, in sizes ranging from 2-32 oz.. However the 16 oz.-20 ppm size is a winner for us because it gives the customer enough ionic potency to really make a difference.

Good products generate customers both by repeat and referral. As a retailer and a consultant I appreciate the versatility of Colloidal Silver. I've witnessed Colloidal Silver being extremely effective in cases of bronchial infections, severe colds, flu, botulism, and numerous other infection related illnesses.

I've had personal experience with Colloidal Silver. A friend and I got food poisoning while dining out. I drank about four ounces of Colloidal Silver and within two hours I was feeling fine. My friend was skeptical and waited until the next morning, and then began to take a tablespoon every 10 minutes. We both had the same results.

I can recommend Colloidal Silver with absolute certainty. We've had many customers who have taken the Colloidal Silver with them while travelling abroad and we've heard excellent reports. It's a great product and our customers love it.

Brent Axtman, Manager, Heritage Vitamin & Health Fort Langley B.C.

I was a registered nurse for 26 years before working in the Health Food Industry. During the last 10 years I have been managing a Health Food Store in Delta B.C.. My first experience with Colloidal Silver was when my husband's employer was putting on a 25th anniversary party for him. At lunchtime I called my husband Jim and told him that I had decided not to go out because I had a very large, prominent cold sore, it was very unpleasant.

At about 2:00 pm that afternoon one of my customers came into the store and mentioned that she had something that would take care of the sore. When she returned she had a bottle of Colloidal Silver and some cotton balls. She soaked the cotton with Colloidal Silver and I applied it to the sore. I repeated this two more times and within a few hours the cold sore had noticeably reduced. By the time we left for the party the sore was almost completely gone!

Since we've carried the product I've heard many customers report that they have experienced more energy, and are feeling so much better after taking the product. About a third of our regular Colloidal Silver customers are diabetic, they are all very satisfied with the product.

Betty Inglis, Kennedy Heights Natural Foods Delta B.C.

Two years ago I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and my doctor told me that without chemotherapy and radiation treatments I would have about four months to live. I began taking the Colloidal Silver and my PSA went from 68 to .04. When I went back to see my Doctor he said that he must have misdiagnosed and referred me to another doctor who said I was fine. I am also diabetic and after taking the Colloidal Silver my blood sugar level is now much more stable. It would shoot up to 16-17 but now it is 6.5 -7. The only thing that I've taken is the Colloidal Silver, so I know it does the job for me.

Jim Inglis Delta B.C.

Our experiences with Colloidal Silver began when I developed an eye infection that would not go away. A friend recommended your Colloidal Silver but I was initially very reluctant to try it. However I purchased a bottle from the Organic Grocer Health Food Store in Surrey B.C. I applied it by putting drops directly on my eye the Colloidal Silver soothed and healed it in only took TWO DAYS. I had my eye back to normal and I was very happy! I gave some to another friend who has had chronic eye problems and he only needed a few applications before noticing an incredible improvement.

A few months ago I developed some stomach problems and all my doctor could tell me was that I had lost 15 lbs., and he couldn't determine what was wrong. I began taking the Colloidal Silver internally and within two weeks my weight was back to normal. We have three adults and my three year old daughter living in our home and so far Colloidal Silver has been effective in treating eye infections, a stomach disorder, a urinary tract infection, acne, and eczema. We haven't had a cold or flu in our house all winter long. With extreme gratitude and unending smiles...many thanks for making this wonderful product available!

Devia Vyne, Surrey B.C.

I've been in the Health Food Industry for 17 years and am currently the owner/operator of Surrey Natural Foods. I've carried the 16 oz. bottles of 20 ppm Colloidal Silver now for about 3 years and have noticed that many of our customers who purchase the Colloidal Silver have done so on the recommendation of family and friends. I have personally had excellent results taking the Colloidal Silver for a sore throat. I generally take a spoonful and swish it in my mouth when I feel a sore throat coming on. My daughter takes Colloidal Silver and enzymes to relieve symptoms caused by Hepatitis C. We've had numerous customers come to the store requesting the Colloidal Silver on the recommendation of others, and we know it's effective. I really like the product and highly recommend it. No Health Food Store should be without it!

Anne Wallace, Surrey Natural Foods, Surrey B.C.

In October 1995 I was diagnosed with a "gallbladder disease". Over the next two years my condition deteriorated until I was unable to eat solid foods. I lost 27 lbs. One day I collapsed and was taken to the hospital where I was diagnosed with a perforated stomach in need of surgery. Before having the operation I attended an Alternative Health seminar and it was recommended that I find a good Colloidal Silver and begin taking it immediately.

I was managing a Health Food Store in Port Coquitlam B.C. and a sales rep had brought us a sample of 16 oz., 20 ppm Colloidal Silver. I took the sample and used it, administering 3 table-spoons every 4 hours. Within two weeks I gained 10 lbs and was able to enjoy eating solid foods again. The Colloidal Silver did wonders.

I went to my Doctor for a blood test and the results showed that I was on the mend and we were both very relieved. "Whatever you're doing, keep it up," he said. There is so much more I could share about my own experience and I've seen countless customers come to purchase the Colloidal Silver, many returning with some wonderful success stories, some of which I've had a hard time believing myself. I'll never forget the day one of our customers, a 28 year man, first came in to our store on crutches. He read about the Colloidal Silver while in the store and he bought two 16 oz. bottles on the spot. He came back two weeks later and claimed that the Colloidal Silver had healed his chronic synovial fluid infection and he was able to walk again without crutches. To demonstrate his enthusiasm he jumped up and down in front of the counter while waving his arms in the air. I cannot say that only one brand of Colloidal Silver is good but I have no doubt that Colloidal Silver really works.

Lisa Matwyko, Owner, Share the Freedom Healing, Maple Ridge B.C.

HOW COLLOIDAL SILVER IS MADE?

The simple and most common method of making Colloidal Silver is to place an electrical charge on a silver anode (positive electrode) and a cathode (negative electrode) in water. The electrical energy removes micro particles off the silver anode which then become suspended in the water. These particles, called colloids, each carry a micro-electric charge that holds them in suspension. The temperature, ionization, and molecular structure of the water as well as the electrical current, amount of time and quality of silver used in the process determine the size and quantity of the ionic colloids. There is yet no way to measure the micro charges on each particle. However measurements of particle size and quantity are taken during the manufacturing process. Most manufacturers will explain their own unique method of producing Colloidal Silver on a need-to-know basis, and will generally welcome requests for more technical information as required by their customers.

HOW NATURAL IS COLLOIDAL SILVER ?

The manufacturing objective is to produce a Silver Colloid that has like properties of those colloids found in natural water and plant sources. This is important because just as there are thousands of nutrients in nature, there are also thousands of reactions that happen within our bodies between these nutrients and harmful substances they might encounter in the body. All nutrients, minerals and vitamins work synergistically in our bodies, it is therefore important to note that **Colloidal Silver is not a "cure all"**. The body, as a whole, needs a combination of many nutrients to properly sustain health and immunity. Each individual concerned about their health should determine whether they are getting sufficient trace minerals in their food and water.

Studies have shown the relative bioavailability of either Silver-Inorganic complexes or Silver-Organic complexes appears to depend on the individual compounds. It appears that Silver-Inorganic complexes are more common in the marine environment.

The Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks at the University of British Columbia Canada, while developing ambient water quality criteria, reported findings regarding the qualities of Silver in drinking water. The Compendium Study on Ambient Water Quality 1996 stated that the ionic form of silver is necessary for biological activity and the lipid phase of the membrane appears to be important in adsorbing silver ions to living cells. The active sites on enzymes which are affected by silver are apparently the electron-rich functional groups such as-SH groups.

Silver combines with plasma proteins, is removed by the liver and over 90% is eliminated in the bile; most of this in the feces with very little in the urine. That silver which is not excreted is deposited in the skin and mucous tissues. Tissue deposition of silver results from precipitation of insoluble salts such as silver chloride and silver phosphate. These may be transformed to soluble silver sulphide albuminates and bind with amino or carboxyl groups in proteins and nucleic acids. They may also be oxidized to metallic silver by ascorbic acid or catecholamines.

There is no monovalent ion specific measurement for Colloidal Silver. In addition, some non biologically-available silver may be in forms that are in equilibrium with monovalent silver and thus much of the silver pool becomes ultimately available as the monovalent silver is taken up.

The study also reported that ionic silver was more toxic to aquatic organisms than silver compounds, which again suggests that it is the micro electrical charge carried by the silver which makes it effective.

Also reported was that silver is a disinfectant for non-spore forming bacteria at concentrations about 1000 times lower than the levels at which it is toxic to mammalian life. This extreme mammalian-to-bacterial toxicity differential is the definition of an oligodynamic material. The low concentration necessary for

oligodynamic activity allows silver or one of its insoluble salts to be used indefinitely in contact with sterile liquids without silver levels building up to concentrations harmful to people.

IS IT SAFE ?

It is interesting to note that Silver has been used as an Ayurvedic medicine in India for well over 2500 years. It is very common for foods in India to be covered with a very soft and edible silver foil. Perhaps you have seen or even tried some Indian jams or other products that have a layer of silver that is eaten along with the product. Chewing and ingesting such a medicine would provide hundreds of times more silver than is generally found in Homeopathic and Supplemental Colloidal Silver products in North America. Yet there are no reports of toxicity or buildup of silver in the human body.

The author interviewed an elderly gentleman from Abbotsford B.C. Canada who stated that as a boy he was once treated by a Doctor in India who grated silver into a glass of water. This method produced mammoth quantity and size of silver particles in comparison to the size of Colloidal Silver, without side effect.

Since the early 1930's there have been rumours and warnings issued against the use of medicinal, food grade, or homeopathic Colloidal Silver. These rumours have been circulated by those who have not distinguished between Silver Nitrates, Salts, Chlorides, Phosphates and Colloidal Silver. The differences cannot be overstated. Silver Nitrate for example is used commercially to manufacture indelible ink. Unfortunately before science and technology were able to determine that these products were harmful, individuals had administered Silver Nitrate and subsequently developed a condition called argyria. Argyria is caused by the photoreduction of silver nitrate lodged in tissues of the skin producing greying of the skin. It is impossible for Colloidal Silver to produce this condition.

According to an article that appeared in the Silver News, The Silver Institute Washington, D.C., patients at the Struggle Against AIDS clinic in Honduras were given very

substantial single dosages of polyvalent silver oxide, (approximately 40 parts per million of blood volume) and they did not experience any side effects or reaction whatsoever, nor did they develop the unseemly condition that is known as argyria. Neither are there reports available to indicate that Colloidal Silver could interact or interfere with other medicine being taken. Therefore Colloidal Silver is a natural and safe remedy with wide spectrum capabilities.

COMPARISONS

A variety of homeopathic, food grade, and pharmaceutical grade Colloidal Silver products are currently being marketed locally and internationally. There are also "home brew" kits available for those do-it-yourself inclined individuals to make Colloidal Silver at home. This makes for a large selection of products available to the consumer.

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