

## **How a Flesh-Eating Bacteria that Nearly Triggered the Amputation of My Wife's Toes Brought About a Powerful Healing Discovery that Will Change Your Life -- and Your Health -- for the Better...Forever!**

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Thanks to that nearly triggered the amputation of my wife Kathy's pretty toes...

The incredible infection-fighting power of colloidal silver helped save my wife Kathy's toes after her doctor sent her to a surgeon to have them removed [because she had contracted] a very serious and rare infection (ulcerative osteomyelitis) .

You might be surprised to know that it was way back in March 1995 that my wife Kathy and I first began to learn about the awesome healing power of colloidal silver.

Back then, Kathy and I had just returned from an appointment with her doctor -- a small-town orthodox medical practitioner with a typical, arrogant, God-in-a-white-coat attitude. He had cavalierly told us that Kathy needed to schedule an appointment with a surgeon -- immediately -- to see about having several of the infected toes on her right foot amputated.

We were both shaken to the core by the doctor's cold, matter-of-fact demeanor. And even more so by his verdict: "*Go See a Surgeon...I Can't Stop the Infection!*"

"Go see a surgeon. There's nothing more I can do for you," he said forthrightly. "I can't stop the infection. It looks like you're going to lose a couple of toes. Go see the surgeon today," he stated emphatically, while scribbling the name of the surgeon on a small, square sheet of paper from a prescription pad.

Kathy had just finished her third course of prescription antibiotic drugs under his care - this time a seven day intravenous course of cefalex that required a home nurse to come in once a day to administer. We were trying desperately to stop the unknown infection between two of her toes that was literally eating away the flesh and continuously oozing foul smelling pus that itched and burned constantly.

Each day, twice a day for the previous 20 days I had cleansed the infected wound for her, frequently having to take a small, sterilized pair of scissors to trim away the dead, necrotizing flesh around the gaping hole between her toes, which was now nearly big enough for me to fit the tip of my little finger into.

And so it was that, upon returning home from the doctor's office after receiving the bad news, we both walked straight into our bedroom, knelt down and began to pray for help. Kathy didn't want to lose her toes. That of course would mean loss of mobility.

We had been married for less than a year. And we both enjoyed our long evening walks together far too much to allow that to happen. So I vowed to do whatever it might take to help save her toes from the surgeon's knife. All we needed was a little guidance from above. Expect the Unexpected? Absolutely!

Had you told us at that very moment that everything was going to turn out great... and that a strange series of events would begin to take place during which Kathy would be healed of her malady and her infected toes would be saved... and that as a direct result I too would experience a profound healing from a health challenge that had plagued me for nearly two decades... and that all of this would be thanks to a mysterious substance called colloidal silver...there's little doubt we'd have probably looked at you as if you'd just stepped off the mother ship.

And if you'd have told us that within only a few short months afterwards we would be forming a company that would go on to become one of the largest and most successful distributors of colloidal silver generators on the face of the planet, and that a subsequent company we would form would help better the lives of more people than perhaps any other company of its kind on earth, we'd have probably laughed you right out of the room.

We might have even chased you down the street with broom sticks until we were sure you weren't coming back. Yecch! Ulcerative osteomyelitis like this can result in the need for surgical removal of the toes if left untreated. Kathy's infected toes looked very much like the ulcerated toes in this stock photo, before she started using colloidal silver.

Nevertheless, that's exactly what happened. In fact, our life-changing experience with colloidal silver put us into a very unique position through which we can literally help you change your life, and your health, for the better, forever!

*Here's the rest of our story... How Colloidal Silver Helped Save Kathy's Infected Toes from the Surgeon's Knife!* The very day after we had received the bad news about Kathy's toes from the doctor, and prayed about it, an interesting series of events began to take place.

First, when the mail arrived, there was a copy of a newsletter called The Bio-Tech News mixed in with the bills and junk mail. Swiss researcher Von Naegeli, often referred to as the "father of modern medicine," discovered the oligodynamic effect of colloidal silver, demonstrating conclusively that it was the silver ion that provided the anti-microbial killing power of the mineral.

I was not a subscriber. But as a natural health journalist by trade, I was quite familiar with the newsletter, having written articles for it in the past, on the topic of natural healing. But this month's feature article was one I had not written. And it was about a wondrous, natural healing substance I had never heard of at the time: colloidal silver.

The article began by describing the incredible medical history of the mineral silver, explaining how it had been used for centuries to prevent and heal infections in a variety of ways. For example, it revealed that soldiers in the Roman legions would always put a silver coin into their water containers on their long marches into battle, to help prevent the water from becoming bacterially contaminated. It said they would also beat pure silver into a thin foil, and wrap the silver foil around wounds received in battle, to help prevent the wounds from becoming infected, and thus allowing them to recover quickly to fight again.

The article went on to document how, after Thomas Edison invented the light bulb and the modern era of household electricity began, clever scientists figured out how to put metallic silver rods into pure water, and run electricity through them in order to sinter off tiny microscopic particles of the silver into the water.

They discovered that the microscopic silver particles would actually remain suspended in the water, in a state of Brownian Motion, thanks to the electrical charge imparted to them as they were sintered off the silver rod by the electrical current. With a liquid silver solution like this - which scientists began calling "colloidal silver" -- external wounds could literally be bathed in silver particles to help prevent infection from setting in.

As early as 1893, Dr. W. S. Halsted, one of the founding fathers of modern surgery, advocated the use of silver foil dressings to prevent infections in surgical wounds. He created the Halstead Silver Foil Bandage. Today's silver-based wound dressings are in large part due to Dr. Halsted's pioneering work in recognizing and utilizing the infection-fighting qualities of silver.

Researchers also found that the microscopic, electrically generated silver particles in such a liquid solution could be safely ingested in order to heal a startling variety of maladies, including internal infections such as colds and flu, food poisoning, urinary tract infections, candida yeast infections, infections of the internal organs such as the kidneys and liver, sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis and gonorrhea, tetanus, and even deadly diseases like bubonic plague, anthrax disease (aka anthrax) and numerous others.

Indeed, it was discovered that there were hardly any infectious organisms in existence which were not subject to the incredible antimicrobial qualities of colloidal silver! In laboratory tests, over 650 different infectious microorganisms were found to be no match for colloidal silver!

What's more, as research into colloidal silver progressed over the years, it was discovered that many forms of chronic degenerative disease also responded positively to this wondrous mineral, including cancer, chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, Crohn's colitis, Type II diabetes, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Wegener's disease, and collagen-vascular diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and Alzheimer's.

Researchers also learned that when used internally colloidal silver had a profound effect on the human immune system. For example, they found that it dramatically boosts white blood cell counts. Of course, white blood cells are used by the body to destroy cancer cells, viruses, bacteria and other pathogens.

Researchers also discovered that the presence of silver in the human body appears to "prime" white blood cells to go on the offensive against cancers, pathogens, toxins and other invaders, which may be why so many chronic degenerative diseases seemed to respond so well to colloidal silver. .

They also found that colloidal silver, much like iron, has the ability to carry nascent oxygen throughout the body, wherever extra oxygen might be needed. Additionally, it has the ability to boost the production of red blood cells, which are the body's main carriers of oxygen to the tissues and organs. Even the prestigious Wall Street Journal has caught on to the infection-fighting power of silver!

Researchers soon discovered that colloidal silver helps boost the body's ability to cleanse itself of toxins, wastes and other harmful material by stimulating the reticulo-endothelial system (RES), which is a sub-set of the body's lymphatic system. Finally, in more recent years, it was discovered that colloidal silver stimulates the production of Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS), and thus dramatically increased the immune system's ability to rid the body of noxious elements and toxins through the process of oxidation.

After reading the article, I told Kathy about everything I had just learned, and then immediately drove to our local health food store and purchased a bottle of this strange elixir. I brought it straight home.

As usual, Kathy was in severe pain from the infected toes. Not only did the pus oozing from the infection itch and burn constantly as it slowly ate away at the flesh between her toes, but her entire foot, which was constantly red and inflamed, ached horribly due to the inflammation. What's more, the constantly growing ulceration between her toes was extremely painful.

I gingerly squirted some of the colloidal silver from the plastic bottle into the gaping hole between her toes. And like magic, the itching and burning and pain stopped instantly.

For a brief moment, Kathy was stunned. No matter what we had tried previously, there had been no relief whatsoever from the slow burning and itching torture for the past 20 days. And even 800 mg. Motrin did not seem to stop the pain. But suddenly, in a split second, it was completely gone.

"Give me that!" she demanded, squirting some more of it onto the wound between her toes. "Ahh... relief," she said. It was the first time she had smiled so broadly in nearly a month. And now, I could finally smile, too. It was a pleasure to see her receiving respite from all of the pain, and a ray of hope coming back into her eyes as well.

#### Kathy Takes Charge of Her Own Health, and Small Miracles Begin to Happen!

After Kathy began using colloidal silver by drinking several ounces a day and also spraying it directly onto the ulcerous and infected wound, it miraculously began to get better and better.

It's funny what pain can do to a person. Frequently, it blocks rational thought. When you're afflicted with constant pain, it takes all of your "mental juices" so to speak, just to function. And so, it becomes very difficult to think through ideas or even make important decisions.

And that holds true not just for the person in pain, but frequently, for everyone around that person. That's because of the feeling of utter helplessness that takes over when a loved one is suddenly afflicted with an unknown malady, and the doctors you put your trust in are unable to bring about relief and healing.

But amazingly, when the pain is removed, the ability to think clearly returns rather quickly, for everyone. Such was the case with Kathy's pain. Almost from the moment the colloidal silver was squirted onto her gaping, infected wound and the incessant itching and horrific pain disappeared, we both began to think more clearly. It was as if a dark cloud had been removed from our minds.

"That idiot doctor is going to cost me my toes," Kathy exclaimed. "There's got to be some way around this."

We had no idea whether or not the colloidal silver would prove to be an actual cure for the infection. We only knew it was helping tremendously at the time, in terms of relief from the horrific itching and pain. "This article says you can drink colloidal silver, too," I told her. "You should start drinking some every day, until we figure out what to do."

We were wary of drinking the stuff, because the lady at the health food store told me we could "turn grey" from drinking too much. But Kathy began drinking a small amount of the colloidal silver each day, starting with about a tablespoonful and gradually building up to several ounces a day, all the while continuing to squirt it directly onto the gaping wound between her toes. Thankfully, the inflammation and redness around the gaping wound between her toes got better and better after she began drinking the colloidal silver. And continuing to squirt the silver water directly onto the ulcerated wound several times each day kept the pain and itching completely at bay!

By the end of the first week, Kathy could walk on the foot without excessive pain. And while the gaping hole between her toes did not appear to be closing yet, for the first time in over a month it was not getting worse either. The hole was not getting any larger. The redness and swelling were substantially reduced. And there was no more of that dead, necrotizing flesh appearing on the wound site, which believe me was a tremendous relief to both of us.

#### A Life-Changing Experience You Can Learn a Lot From...

But we quickly discovered how expensive it was to continue using colloidal silver on a daily basis.

At that time, colloidal silver was nearly \$40 for a tiny four-ounce bottle at our local health food store. (Today it's a little bit cheaper - often running between \$20 and \$40 for a four ounce bottle in most health food stores and online sources.)

Kathy was drinking an ounce in the morning and an ounce in the evening, plus squirting another ounce directly onto the wound during the course of the day. This meant each bottle was lasting only about one day and small portion of the next.

Indeed, we spent over \$200 on colloidal silver that first week - an amount that was just a little too steep for a couple like us who had only been married for a year, and were just beginning to get on our feet financially when this mysterious infection struck.

Since we didn't know whether or not the colloidal silver would turn out to be an actual cure for the infection, and because we were finally able to think a little more clearly due to the fact that Kathy's pain and suffering had been so significantly diminished since she had begun using colloidal silver, we began to form a game plan to save Kathy's toes. After all, we couldn't go on spending over \$200 a week on colloidal silver for an indefinite length of time.

So Kathy called her medical insurance company and said, as politely as she possibly could, "Look, this dimwit local doctor has nearly cost me my toes. If he had his way, they'd be hacked off already. You need to find me a specialist who can figure out what this infection is, and figure out how to cure it. Otherwise, you're going to be paying my medical bills for the next 20 or 30 months after the amputation, and you're going to end up having to pay me quite a settlement for the loss of my toes."

Obviously, Kathy doesn't like to mince words. And apparently, there's nothing like the very real threat of potential financial loss to motivate a medical insurance company, because within half an hour they called back with an appointment for Kathy with an out-of-town infectious disease specialist. To make a long story short, we went to see him, and he took some cultures of the gaping wound between her toes and discovered that Kathy had a rare but serious hidden bone infection in the foot called ulcerative osteomyelitis.

Though we told the specialist about the profound relief Kathy had experienced since she began using colloidal silver, and how the gaping hole between her toes had quit growing larger and the flesh around it had quit dying and necrotizing, he shrugged it off and prescribed Kathy a powerful antibiotic called Cipro, which was from a then-new class of antibiotics called quinolones that were known to eradicate this rare disease with ease. (Today, it is a very well-known antibiotic due to its use in treating anthrax during the 2001 anthrax scare.)

And within ten days of starting the Cipro, Kathy was completely healed.

Now I know that's not the story everyone wants to hear. You're might even be thinking, "Why didn't Kathy just stick with colloidal silver and see if it completely healed her?" But we couldn't, for the obvious financial reasons. At a whopping \$40 for a tiny four-ounce bottle, colloidal silver was just too expensive for us, for long-term daily use.

In the 1970's Dr. Robert O. Becker, M.D., of Syracuse Medical University and author of the best-selling books **The Body Electric** and **Cross Currents**, proved that electrically generated silver ions can cure osteomyelitis and kill numerous antibiotic-resistant pathogens.

Besides, we had only weeks earlier been introduced to this amazing natural substance, and didn't know for sure whether the fascinating and dramatic stories about its infection-fighting qualities were part exaggeration, or were the whole raw truth. So we had no way of knowing for an absolute certainty whether or not it would have cured the osteomyelitis by itself.

Nevertheless, during the course of my later journalistic research into the phenomenal healing power of colloidal silver, we would find out that way back in the 1970's Dr. Robert O. Becker M.D., while doing medical research at Syracuse Medical University, had already discovered that electrically generated silver ions such as those found in colloidal silver did indeed cure osteomyelitis!

So we can attest with great fervor how phenomenally helpful colloidal silver was, and how using it literally bought us the time we needed to find a way to save Kathy's toes from the surgeon's knife. In fact, if it weren't for colloidal silver, she would have lost those toes.

Finding out about colloidal silver in such a dramatic way, and experiencing its miraculous healing benefits, was a life-changing experience for both of us, to say the least!

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