



## IMPROVED HYGIENE THAT LASTS

DO YOU EVER WONDER HOW MANY GERMS THRIVE ON YOUR DICTATION DEVICE?

Germs have become a growing problem in hospitals worldwide, as they cause disfiguring and life-threatening infections. These bacteria are not only dangerous but also hard to eliminate and may even become multiresistant against antibiotics and disinfectants, experts warn.

### Concern over infections acquired in clinics has intensified

Every year, some 1.7 million people in the U.S. are admitted to hospitals hoping to get well but instead end up getting sicker after picking up infections during their stays. About 100,000 of them die every year as a result of hospital bugs costing an estimated \$20 billion annually to treat these infections.\*

In Europe, about 3 million people are infected annually with multidrug-resistant bacteria resulting in a death toll of about 25,000 patients. These infections cost the European healthcare system at least €1.5 billion.\*\*

### With its antimicrobial coating, the Philips SpeechMike leaps ahead of the competition yet again

The Philips SpeechMike is the first and only dictation microphone on the market featuring an antimicrobial surface, drastically improving hygiene in clinical environments. Furthermore, the antimicrobial effect of the SpeechMike is not achieved by a simple coating which could be wiped off by cleaning detergents – it is based on an additive agent directly added to the housing material.

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\* according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

\*\* according to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

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THE MAIN ADVANTAGES OF THE NEWEST GENERATION SPEECHMIKE IN DETAIL\*:

## Works against all kinds of germs

While antibacterial media work exclusively against bacteria, antimicrobial materials work against a wide range of different microorganisms such as: Bacteria (e.g. pneumococci and multi-resistant micro-organisms such as MRSA), Viruses (e.g. HIV, influenza, etc.), Fungi (e.g. Aspergillus Niger), Algae

With antimicrobial material, microorganisms are practically permanently eliminated from any object

The antimicrobial additive agents on the SpeechMike have the effect that:

- The settling and transmission of germs is reduced
- Nosocomial infections are decreased
- The risk of cleaning is reduced
- Resistances are avoided

In addition to its phenomenal antimicrobial coating, the SpeechMike is a Philips certified green product, reducing its carbon footprint by around 28% compared to its predecessor. This includes:

- 43% lower energy consumption
- 51% reduction in packaging material
- 16% reduction in product weight

The antimicrobial effect on the SpeechMike lasts for 5 years at a minimum

Studies on the effect of the antimicrobial additive in the SpeechMike housing parts have shown that it eliminates on average 99.9% of E.coli and m luteus bacteria as well as 98.4% of Staphylococcus aureus



If you would like more detailed information about digital dictation or need guidance as to the best solution for you, your Philips partner is happy to help. Just get in touch using the following contact details:

\* according to studies conducted by SteriOne GmbH & Co. KG, Berlin and ofi Technologie & Innovation GmbH, Wien