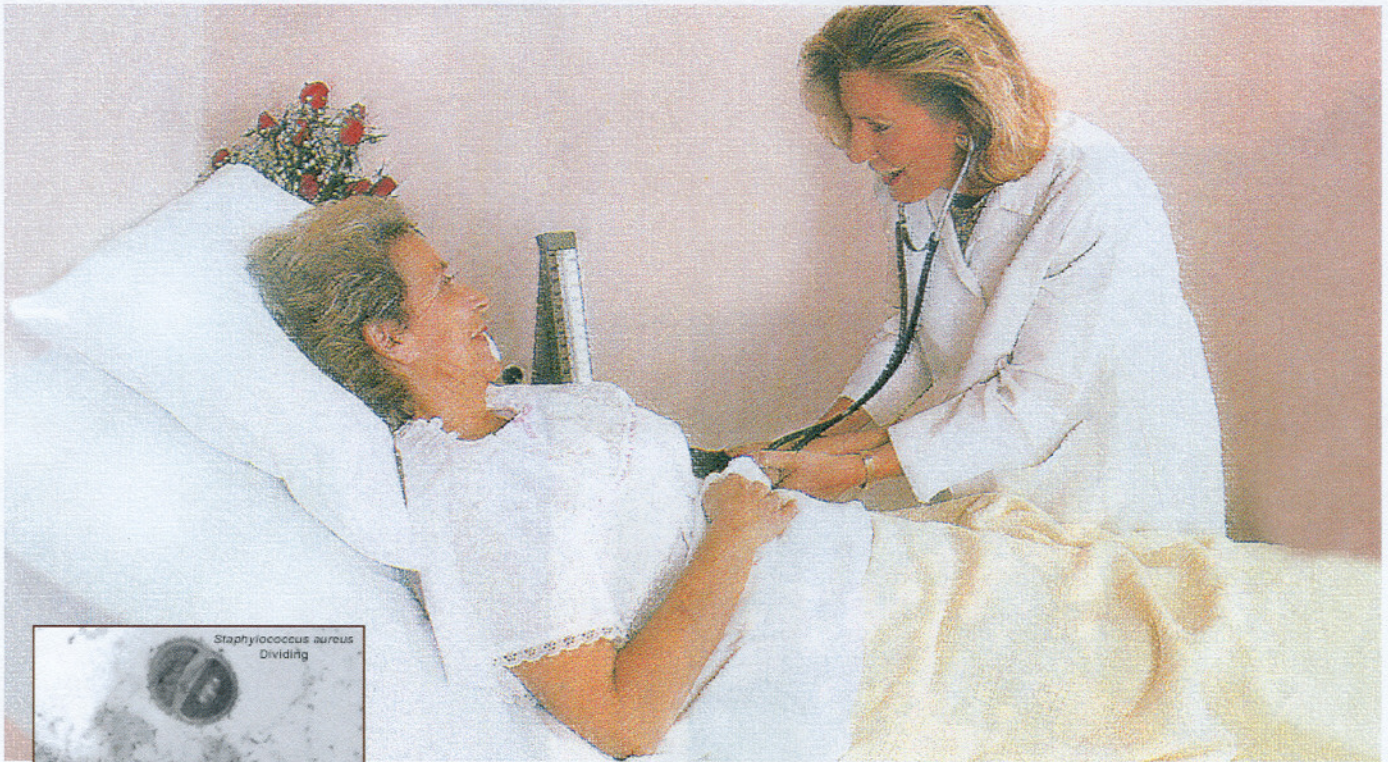
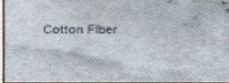


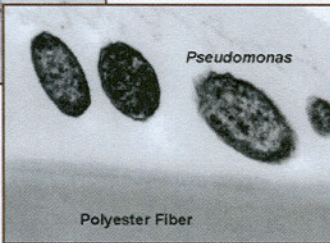
# This Just Might Be the Most Dangerous Place In Your Hospital



Staphylococcus aureus  
Dividing



Cotton Fiber



Pseudomonas

Polyester Fiber

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