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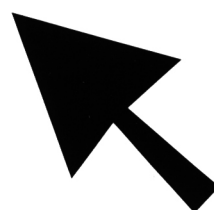
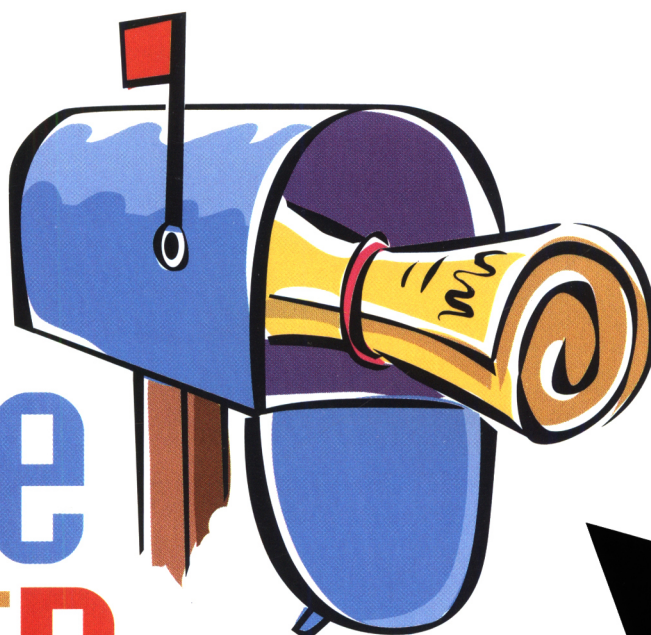
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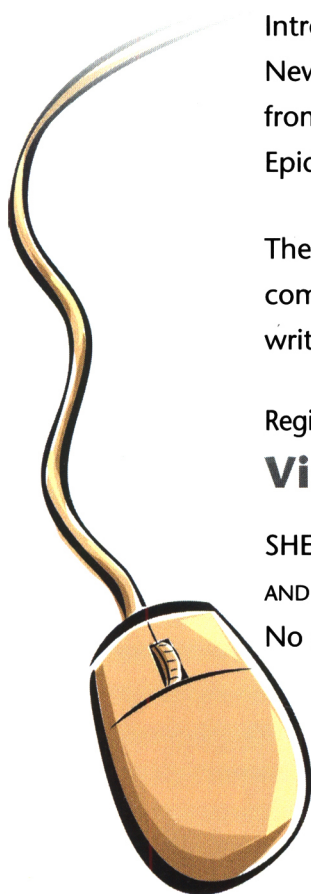
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ABSTRACT The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness of copper-silver ionization (CSI) in controlling Legionella in hospital water systems. The study was conducted in 16 hospitals that had implemented CSI for Legionella control. The study included a review of the literature, a survey of the hospitals, and a comparison of the results of CSI with other disinfection modalities. The results of the study showed that CSI was effective in controlling Legionella in hospital water systems. The study also found that CSI was more effective than other disinfection modalities in controlling Legionella in hospital water systems. The study concluded that CSI is a viable option for Legionella control in hospital water systems.

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