



## Littmann® Stethoscopes

### **What are clinicians saying about the performance of the 3M™ Littmann® Model 3000?**

*With its ergonomic design, state-of-the-art amplification and ambient noise reduction technology, the Model 3000 is a powerful, effective tool for health care professionals. Since its introduction in November of 2005, 3M has received numerous compliments on its newest electronic stethoscope. To further build credibility in the performance of the Model 3000, we present in this document a collection of testimonials. For more information, we encourage you to contact an authorized Littmann Stethoscope dealer, or visit us at [Littmann.com](http://Littmann.com).*

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I am a nurse in a busy cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit, where the buzzing and humming of many machines often presents a challenge when I am trying to hear lung, heart and belly sounds. A friend of mine recommended the Littmann Model 3000 to me, and after trying it for just a few days I was immediately hooked. This stethoscope has many beneficial components that make auscultation easier, and help me to focus and do my job more efficiently and precisely. The Model 3000's ability to block out ambient noise is invaluable to me, and I also appreciate the convenient size and light weight of the device. I feel very grateful to have found this stethoscope.

*- Robin Hare, RN, Cardiovascular ICU of Banner Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona*

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As a hearing-impaired pediatrician whose hearing loss is in the range where children speak, I had long been searching for a stethoscope to meet my needs. Enter the Littmann Model 3000! This stethoscope makes hearing children's cardiac and respiratory sounds much easier for me due to its excellent amplification and ambient noise reduction technology. In my busy pediatric practice there are often little children running around causing excessive background noise that can hinder my ability to hear well, but this stethoscope really eliminates that noise and makes my job a whole lot easier. The Model 3000 is also extremely comfortable, fitting perfectly in my ear with a hearing aid in place. My pediatric patients especially love the "no-chill factor" of this stethoscope. The Model 3000 has been a great buddy to me and I only wish it had been around earlier in my medical career.<sup>1</sup>

*- Dr. Richard Baldwin, Douglas Pediatric Associates PC, Douglasville, Georgia*



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I am a pediatric nurse practitioner and work in a school-based setting that is often extremely noisy. Part of my job includes conducting sports physicals for student athletes, and because I am not working in an optimal clinical setting it's challenging to hear well enough to accurately diagnose all issues. I was thrilled when several weeks ago my husband bought me the Littmann Model 3000 for my upcoming birthday, but little did I know how necessary this scope would be on the actual day of my birthday. On that day, I was called to aid in a potential respiratory emergency of a 350-pound student athlete. Using the ambient noise reduction and adjustable volume settings of my Model 3000, I was quickly able to determine that the student was fully inflating his lungs, which I would never have known by using my old stethoscope. I instantly knew that I did not need to perform CPR and that he was simply having a panic attack. After the incident I called my husband right away to thank him for giving me this invaluable birthday gift.

- *Sharron Close, CPNP, NYU Bellevue Hospital, Department of Pediatrics*

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I am currently in training to be an EMT, and was searching the internet a couple of months ago for a stethoscope that would enable me to hear heart and lung sounds in the back of a screeching ambulance. After reading about and trying the Littmann Model 3000 I was instantly hooked, and now feel as though I can't do my job without it. The amplification properties allow me to hear critical body sounds even in the loudest of emergency situations. I have encouraged my entire department to try the Model 3000, including the Chief, and everyone has become a huge fan - some are even planning to buy their own soon. If something were to happen to this scope, I would immediately run out and buy another one - that's how valuable the Model 3000 is to me.

- *Paul Conley, EMT in training, Sayersville Fire & Rescue, Kentucky*

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The Model 3000 beats other stethoscopes I've used hands down; its acoustics, ergonomics and versatility are superb. As a paramedic working in harsh, noisy environments - ambulances and hospitals - I need a rugged stethoscope that filters out as much noise as possible while being versatile enough to fit many situations and sizes of people. Working in these settings, I need any edge I can get, and the Model 3000 clearly gives me an edge. Just the other day, I had a patient's family member in the hospital room talking as I was listening to the patient's lungs, and I couldn't even hear the family member. By blocking out this distracting noise, the Model 3000 allowed me to fully concentrate on the patient's sounds I needed to hear - that was a first for me! Additionally, I've used the 3000 to treat patients ranging from neonates to adults, and have experienced the same great quality no matter which type of patient I've treated. I would recommend the 3000 to any of my colleagues. My Littmann 3000 will be a long lasting friend!

- *Sean Hall, EMT, Maine*



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Until I entered nursing school, I didn't realize that I have small ear canals as well as a slight hearing deficiency. After browsing the Internet I came upon information about the Littmann Model 3000 that seemed perfect for my needs, and was happy to learn that I could try this scope through the loaner program before committing to the purchase. As soon as I tried the Model 3000 I knew I had to buy it – its amplification properties and assortment of different-sized ear tips make it the ideal stethoscope for my needs. I also love the fact that I can change the settings with one hand, so I can use my other hand to check a patient's blood pressure or perform another task. I'm currently in my clinical rotation, and every student who I let try my Model 3000 loves it instantly. Count me as a huge fan!<sup>1</sup>

- Catherine Costa, nursing student, County College of Morris, New Jersey

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Electronic stethoscopes have improved dramatically in the past few years. I have been using a stethoscope for over 30 years and I was not always able to hear all heart sounds clearly. About two years ago I heard about the Littmann Model 3000 after attending a human cardiology conference, and what a difference it's made in my practice! With the Ambient Noise Reduction (ANR) technology of the Model 3000, there is now a marked reduction in unwanted ambient noise that is extremely helpful when I listen for abnormal heart sounds. This new technology applies quite well to veterinary medicine as the amplification of sounds is very useful for the different species and breeds, and switching between bell and diaphragm is also very easy to do. I recommend that any practicing veterinarian try the Model 3000, I know they'll be as happy with it as I am."

- Larry P. Tilley, DVM, DACVIM (Internal Medicine)

Co-author of Rapid Interpretation of Heart Sounds, Murmurs, Arrhythmias, and Lung Sounds: A Guide to Cardiac Auscultation in Dogs and Cat. CD-ROM and Manual. Elsevier. Philadelphia, 2006

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I agreed to do a study with the 3M Littmann Electronic Stethoscope Model 3000, comparing it to my current, cardiology-type stethoscope. The Littmann Model 3000 won hands down. I have patients on ventilators in the ICU and alarms going off all the time on a variety of equipment. With the Littmann Model 3000, I am able to listen to the patient and make assessment with confidence, even while nurses and doctors are talking around me and alarms are sounding.

- Tammy Bramblett CRT, Respiratory Therapist in MedSurg, ICU, and Emergency Department, Georgia



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I have evaluated the 3M Littmann Model 3000 Stethoscope for the past few months, and have found it to be superior to other stethoscopes I have used in the past. The sound amplification allows me to hear the very faint wheezes and crackles that I could not hear with a conventional stethoscope. It is also easier to hear the faint systolic and diastolic blood pressure sounds during a stress test.

*- Ronald Cooper, BS, RRT, CPFT, Respiratory Therapist in ICU, Emergency, Outpatient, Labor and Delivery Mother Baby and PFTs Departments, Georgia*

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As a nursing student, I understand the necessity of being able to clearly hear breath and heart sounds. I had been using an acoustic stethoscope in my coursework and was having a great deal of difficulty hearing all sounds, so I spoke to my instructor about the problem and she let me try out her electronic stethoscope. Instantly I realized that I could hear much better using an electronic model, so I decided to log on to the Internet and find a version to purchase. Since 3M has a strong reputation for high-quality products, I visited the 3M Web site to see what stethoscopes it offered. I found that the Littmann Model 3000 appeared to be a perfect match for my needs, and offered a free trial opportunity so there was no risk involved. As soon as my Model 3000 arrived, I became hooked and immediately made the decision to purchase it. It's

simply amazing how well it works – the scope blocks out virtually all ambient noise, and it's comfortable too! After trying out my Model 3000, several of my professors said they now want a Model 3000 as well. I highly recommend the Model 3000 to any nursing student who wants to vastly improve their auscultation skills – and impress their professors!

*- Mark Craig, nursing student, McNeese State University College of Nursing (release form attached)*

<sup>1</sup>Because type and magnitude of hearing loss is highly individual, 3M makes no claim regarding the benefits of the Model 3000 for individuals with a hearing deficit.