Parts of a Stethoscope

Ear Tips or Earpieces
Allows sound to be heard by the user. When placing the ear tips in the ear canal they should be facing in a forward position.

Binaural or Ear Tubes
Metal portion of the stethoscope onto which the tubing and ear tips are fitted. Some binaurals rotate to help the user achieve a more comfortable fit.

Chill Ring
Removable outer ring that holds a hard diaphragm in place. It provides a barrier between the metal chestpiece and the patients’ skin.

Chestpiece or Head
The Chestpiece is single-sided or double-sided. It is made from materials such as zinc, aluminum, stainless steel, titanium or other alloys. Some chestpieces contain batteries for enhanced digital mode.

Tubing
The tubing transmits sound from the chestpiece to the earpieces. Tubing can be made from neoprene, PVC, or other materials.

Stethoscope Basics

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