



# improve patient comfort + care

**NEUROPATHY** affects nerves in fingers and hands making it painful to use stainless steel grab bars.

## Who does it affect?



Affects about  
**20 million**  
Americans



Conditions  
that can cause  
neuropathy:

- Age
- Cancer Treatments
- Diabetes
- Injury or Infections



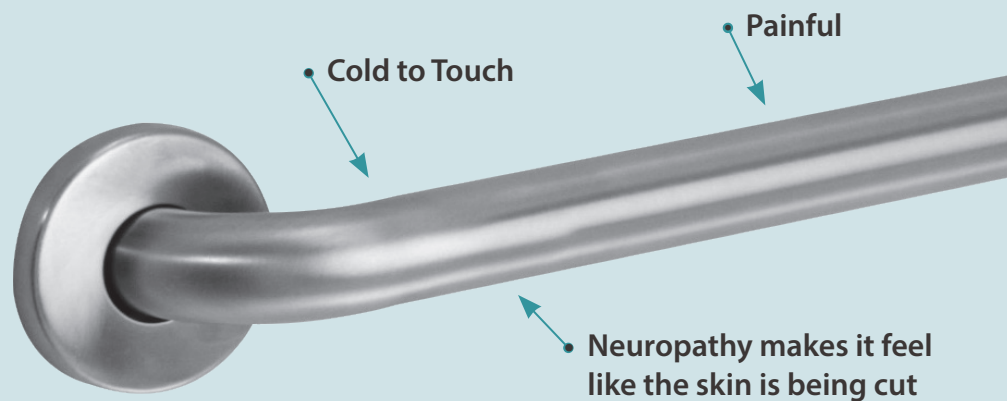
Makes patients  
very sensitive  
to touch and  
temperature

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## INDUSTRY-STANDARD Stainless Steel Grab Bar



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## POPULAR ALTERNATIVE Vinyl Coated Grab Bar



# What Can You Do to Help?



## BE PART OF THE **solution:**

Specify **Vinyl Coated** grab bars rather than Stainless Steel and **help improve the quality of life for millions of people.**

### Ponte Giulio Can Help

Vinyl Coated grab bars help solve two problems for those with Neuropathy. The vinyl coating is warmer and softer to the touch *and* the anti-microbial protection helps protect those who can't risk getting sick.

Specify vinyl coated grab bars anywhere grab bars are installed: toilet, shower, patient room, cancer infusion center room, elevator or entryway.



Vinyl Coated Grab Bars available in 5 colors:

- white
- gray
- ivory
- black
- biscuit

## Occupational Therapists Recommend Vinyl Coated Grab Bars

"For clients with neuropathy, I'm very mindful of how important it is to choose products made of materials that promote comfort and a firm grip. The nerve damage caused by neuropathy makes it so people often feel pain when touching cold, steel grab bars. Using a ***vinyl coated grab bar not only lessens pain, but it also means the client will grip the grab bar better to move safely*** in the bathroom." — MARIA LINDBERGH, OT

"Neuropathic temperature sensitivity increases the likelihood of falls due to reluctance or inability to tolerate the use of traditional metallic grab bars. The use of ***vinyl coated grab bars supports Universal Design by considering the needs of everyone that uses grab bars in your facility.***" — LINDSAY DELONG, OT



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