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FDA and the Compounding Pharmacy

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BioNeutral Group

- Disinfection and sterilization is a timely topic for Compounding Pharmacies
- BioNeutral launched our YGIENE 206 Sporicidal/Disinfectant earlier this year
- Good success:
 - Research facilities
 - GMP pharmaceutical manufacturing
 - Compounding pharmacies



YGIENE 206 Sporicidal/Disinfectant

- Oxidative chemistry (H_2O_2+PAA)
 - “Kills most” in 90 – 120 seconds
 - “Kills all” – fastest EPA registered sterilant(20 min.)
- Excellent materials compatibility
 - Gentle on stainless steel and other surfaces
 - Relatively pH neutral (4 -5)
 - Environmentally friendly
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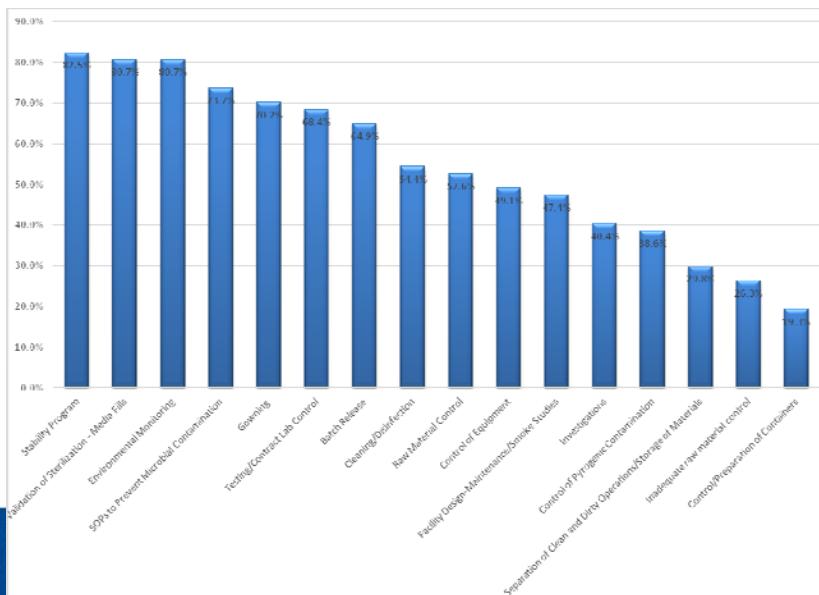
| Table 1. Issues in Compounding Pharmacies Identified by FDA 483 Observations* | | | | | | | |
|---|--|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | SOPs to Prevent Microbial Contamination Non-existent or Not Followed | Inadequate/Improper EM | Stability Program | Inadequate Gowning | Batch Release | Validation of Sterilization | Lab Procedures: Testing/Contract Lab Control |
| Anazaohealth | 1* | 4 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| Avella of Deer Valley | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | 6 | 4 | - |
| Balanced Solutions Compounding | 3 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 1,7 | 5 | - |
| CAPS (Central Admixture Pharmacy Services) (Chicago) | - | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 6 | - |
| CAPS (Homewood, AL) | 6 | 6 | 9,12 | 4 | 1,2 | - | 11 |
| CAPS (Kansas City) | 2 | 3 | - | 2 | 4 | - | 1 |
| CAPS (Uronia) | 3,5 | - | - | - | 6 | - | - |
| College Pharmacy, Inc. | - | 1 | 5 | - | 2,6 | 4 | 2 |
| Compounding Shop, The | 1 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 4,10 | 5 | 4 |
| Drugs Are Us | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | - | - | - |
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| Olympia Phar | | | | | | | |
| Pantic Health | 8 | - | 6 | 2 | - | 1 | 5 |
| PharMEDium Services (Cleveland) | 5 | - | 10,11 | - | 3,9 | 3 | 2,3,9 |
| PharMEDium Services (Edison, NJ) | 5 | - | 4 | 1 | 3 | - | 2 |
| PharMEDium Services (Memphis, TN) | 3 | - | 8,12 | - | 5,7 | 6 | 4,5 |
| PharMEDium Services (Sugarland, TX) | 3 | 8 | 6,7,9 | 2 | 4,5 | - | 4 |
| Portage Pharmacy | 1 | 3 | 10,11 | 4 | 2,6,7,8 | - | 9,12 |
| Specialty Compounding | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| Triangle Compounding | 4 | 3 | - | - | 2 | - | - |
| University Pharmacy | 4 | 5 | 6 | - | 2 | 3 | - |
| Wedgewood Village Pharmacy | - | - | - | 1 | 3,10 | 4 | 3,9 |

Sutton, S. 2013. GMP and Compounding Pharmacies. Amer Pharm Rev. 16(3):48-59.

<http://www.americanpharmaceuticalreview.com/Featured-Articles/135985-GMP-and-Compounding-Pharmacies/>

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Frequent 483 Citations



The Press

| Table 2. Compounding Pharmacies and Microbial Contamination in the News* | |
|--|--|
| 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33 people across 7 states contracted fungal endophthalmitis leading to the loss of 6 months' worth of all compounded batches from Francis Pharmacy. This pharmacy also produces veterinary products (40% of 2009 sales). http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/22724 Oto-Ess® ear lubricant (a non-sterile product) was recalled due to potentially pathogenic microbial contamination. http://outbreaknews.com/2012/07/14/oto-esse-ear-lubricant-a-non-sterile-product-recalled-due-to-microbial-contamination/ As of February 4, 2014 487 patients contracted fungal meningitis after receiving methyl-Prednisolone acetate injection prepared by NECC; the current crisis resulted in approximately 100 deaths. |
| 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 patients died of the 10 that came ill in Alabama when parenteral nutrition solutions that were administered were contaminated with <i>Stenotrophomonas marincola</i> during compounding using non-sterile components to prepare amino acids. The compounding pharmacy, Medi-Vie, was found to have the same strain of <i>S. marincola</i> in the top water faucet and the compounding equipment. http://www.cdc.gov/health/2011/03/30/140922/three-deaths-in-al-after-treatment/ 14 people in 2 states (Tennessee & Florida) were infected when a compounding pharmacy in Hollywood, CA repackaged dexamethasone acetate eye drops. Contaminated intraocular implants due to age-related macular degeneration resulted in blindness in some. http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/03/health/31drug.html?_r=2 |
| 2007 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eight cases of <i>Sphingomonas paucimobilis</i> bloodstream infections were associated with contaminated intravenous fertitec. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2346011 |
| 2006 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 21 patients in New Jersey and California contracted <i>Serratia marincola</i> infections due to contaminated magnesium sulfate prepared by PharmacyRx, a compounding pharmacy located in Lake Forest, IL. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1762749 6 cases of nosocomial endophthalmitis were reported due to a compounded triamcinolone blue ophthalmic injection contaminated with <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> and <i>Bacillus cereus</i>. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1762749 19 patients in 4 states after exposure to carbapenem solution from 1 lot contaminated with gram-negative rods. The product was made by Central Admixture Pharmacy Services, Inc. (CAPS), a subsidiary of BioOne Medical located in Maryland. Up to 1000 infected believed. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1762749 <i>Pseudomonas</i> purified aquapure was reported to a special care nursery due to contaminated flush solutions prepared in a hospital pharmacy. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1762749 24 cases of <i>Pseudomonas</i> bloodstream infections were associated with a hepatitis saline flush. From the MMWR Report, "To produce its hepatitis flush, IV Flush ordered hepatic powder and it to a compounding pharmacy, where a concentrated hepatic solution was made. This concentrated solution was then shipped to IV Flush, where it was added to bags of flush solution, from which the syringes were filled." IV Flush was located in Rowlett, Texas while the affected patients were in four states. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1762749 http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1660559 http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1660559 |
| 2004 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 74 patients developed <i>Pseudomonas</i> bloodstream infections after receiving hepatic saline flush from multiple lots of pre-filled syringes by Princke Medical Supply of Rowlett, TX. These infections occurred in Missouri, Texas, and Michigan. http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/s05412a1.htm 2 patients reported with life-threatening sepsis caused by <i>Escherichia coli</i> exposure from contaminated intravenous flush solutions that had been shipped across state line. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1762749 14 patients were infected with <i>Hepatitis C Virus</i> infections from a contaminated radiopharmaceutical used in myocardial perfusion studies. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1762749 |
| 2003 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bacterial contamination with <i>Bacillus cereus</i> was found to be in 2 batches of a compounded inhalation solution used by 19,000 patients nationwide with chronic lung diseases. Med 4 Home (Kansas City, MO) did only a partial recall of the batches, which totaled more than 1 million doses. http://www.optmeds.com/2003/04/18/news_pfizerrecall.html |
| 2002 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Massive recall of contaminated <i>Cefazolin</i> demonstrated infections from contaminated injectable methicillin prepared by a compounding pharmacy; one patient died. NOTE: This report describes fungal meningitis from a steroid syrup injection. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1541373.htm Injectable methylprednisolone and bustule was recalled due to contamination with <i>Pseudomonas</i> mold, <i>Methylobacterium</i>, and/or <i>Mycobacterium cheloneum</i>. The recall was later expanded to all products of Urgent Care Pharmacy due to poor manufacturing quality. http://scienceblog.com/community/obd/archive/07/17/07/775.htm |
| 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 patients contracted <i>Serratia marincola</i> infections following injection of betamethasone compounded at a community pharmacy in California. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1541373.htm 4 children contracted Enterobacter infections from IV catheters compounded in a hospital pharmacy. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1380239 13 patients (2 fatalities) came down with bacterial meningitis after receiving contaminated betamethasone shot prepared by Doc Pharmacy in California. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1541373.htm Medi-Mate Pharmacy Service of California was forced to recall five lots of Abreva (an antibiotic) due to contamination by <i>Serratia liquefaciens</i>. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1541373.htm |
| 1999 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey of compounded Alrestat formulations from a variety of sources showed contamination in 11% of samples tested. http://www.jgc.org/abstracts/abstract_01104.htm#4 |
| 1998 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 children became septic in California and 10 tested positive for <i>Enterobacter</i> disease bloodstream infections associated with contaminated prefilled saline syringes from CAPS, Braun/Medical of Denver, CO. Up to 2005 included above. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1660559 |
| 1990 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four patients died of Enterobacter infections from a filter sterilized carbapenem solution (a parenteral with high potential for bacteremia) compounded in a Nebraska hospital. In total, 11 patients received the solution and were hospitalized, several subsequent deaths (over 50 total), and another 13 bottles were dispensed without being tested. http://optipractices.medicalmarketplace.com/DrugTopics/Health-System/News/US-drug-safety-review-Requirements-for-Compounds/Article/total/339/26 2 patients lost their vision after becoming infected by <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> found in lidocaine/hexamethonium eye drops compounded in a Pennsylvania drug store. http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drugtopics/Health-System/News/US-drug-safety-review-Requirements-for-Compounds/Article/total/339/26 |

*All links confirmed 2/2/13

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Stability Program

- A lack of data supporting the potency, sterility (or occasionally any data whatsoever) of the preparation that might be stored for over a year.
- Clearly this is a GCP concern (well beyond BUD as described in <797>) as well as a GMP concern for compounding manufacturers



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Validation of Sterilization - Media Fills

- Terminally sterilized preparations were not subjected to a validated sterilization cycle in an autoclave
- Or an aseptic fill operations not validated by a relevant media fill (simulated aseptic fill).

<797> discusses this consideration in the section “Verification of Compounding Accuracy and Sterility – Sterilization Methods – Sterilization of High-Risk Level CSPs by Steam” where it is stated “The description of steam sterilization conditions and duration for specific CSPs is included in written documentation in the compounding facility. The effectiveness of steam sterilization is verified using appropriate biological indicators (see Biological Indicators <1035>) or other confirmation methods (see Sterilization and Sterility Assurance of Compendial Articles <1211> or Sterility Tests <71>)



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Inadequate/Improper Environmental Monitoring

- Wide range of issues with environmental monitoring (EM) from insufficient frequency, failure to qualify sampling sites, failure to trend data, failure to respond to excursions, etc).
- This area is one of divergence between GCP (<795>, <797> and <1163>) and GMP as the expectations of GMP are designed to address manufacturing facilities, not the compounding pharmacy.



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SOPs to Prevent Microbial Contamination Non-existent or Not Followed

- Wide range of specific issues such as
 - failure to have a qualified sanitization (or in some cases any sanitization) program
 - failure to have cleaning/sanitization procedure
 - having procedures but ignoring them in practice, etc.

This is clearly both a GCP and GMP issue as there are multiple references in both <795> and <797> to activities designed to control, monitor and minimize microbial contamination.



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Inadequate Gowning

- Lack of critical pieces of gowns (hairnet, beard covers, foot covers, etc)
- Having gaps in gowns
- Poor gowning technique
- Poor aseptic technique with gowns.

This GCP concern is covered in USP<797> section “Additional Personnel Requirements – Personnel Cleansing and Garbing”



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Lab Procedures: Testing/ Contract Lab Control

- Poor or non-compliant performance of required testing
 - Potency Testing
 - Sterility Testing
 - Method Suitability
 - Inadequate sample volume
 - Inadequate incubation duration
 - Incorrect incubation temperatures
 - Incorrect growth media
- Poor oversight of testing labs



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Batch Release

Release of sterile product under improper conditions without either potency testing, sterility testing, or perhaps any testing whatsoever to confirm the preparation's strength, purity, quality or safety.



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Inadequate Cleaning/Disinfection

- Manufacturing equipment or the facility cleanliness and the failure of the pharmacy to ensure that there was no carry-over of preparations from one batch to the next
- Failure to confirm that the disinfection of the aseptic area and PEC were actually working.

The GCP requirements for this issue are discussed in USP <797> in the sections "Cleaning and Disinfecting the Compounding Area"



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Control of Equipment

Failure of the pharmacy to ensure that the equipment used for compounding was fit for its intended use.

This GCP topic is discussed in the section “Elements of Quality Control – Equipment” where it is stated “...equipment, apparatus, and devices used to compound a CSP be consistently capable of operating properly and within acceptable tolerance limits. Written procedures outlining required equipment calibration, annual maintenance, monitoring for proper function, and controlled procedures for use of the equipment and specified time frames for these activities are established and followed.”



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Inadequate Facility / Smoke Studies

These observations dealt with adequacy of design and qualification studies to ensure the facility is meeting expectations for air balance and air flow in aseptic areas.

USP <797> does expect air pressure differentials of 0.02 to 0.05-inch water column between rooms providing physical separation in the aseptic core and that “In situ air pattern analysis via smoke studies should be conducted at the critical area to demonstrate unidirectional airflow and sweeping action over and away from the product under dynamic conditions” (see section “Facility Design and Environmental Controls”).



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Investigations

Inadequate response to problems or errors

- In process (for example environmental monitoring excursions)
- Finished product (failure of potency or sterility testing)
- Field complaints

USP <797> states “When action levels are exceeded, an investigation into the source of the contamination shall be conducted.” (see section Environmental Monitoring - Action Limits, Documentation, and Data Evaluation) and “Positive sterility test results should prompt a rapid and systematic investigation of aseptic technique, environmental control, and other sterility assurance controls to identify sources of contamination and correct problems in the methods or processes” (see section Finished Preparation Release Checks and Tests – Sterility Tests).



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Control of Pyrogenic Contamination

USP <797> addresses this specific topic in “Verification of Compounding Accuracy and Sterility – Depyrogenation by Dry Heat where it is stated “The description of the dry heat depyrogenation cycle and duration for specific load items shall be included in written documentation in the compounding facility. The effectiveness of the dry heat depyrogenation cycle shall be verified using endotoxin challenge vials (ECVs). The bacterial endotoxin test should be performed on the ECVs to verify the cycle is capable of achieving a 3 log reduction in endotoxin.

Bacterial Endotoxin Levels are addressed as a finished product specification in the <797> section “Finished Preparation Release Checks and Tests – Bacterial Endotoxin (Pyrogen) Testing”



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| 483 Topic Issue | Frequency |
|--|-----------|
| Stability Program | 82.5% |
| Validation of Sterilization - Media Fills | 80.7% |
| Inadequate/ Improper Environmental Monitoring | 80.7% |
| SOPs to Prevent Microbial Contamination Non-existent or Not Followed | 73.7% |
| Inadequate Gowning | 70.2% |
| Lab Procedures: Testing/ Contract Lab Control | 68.4% |
| Batch Release | 64.9% |
| Inadequate Cleaning/ Disinfection | 54.4% |
| Control of Equipment | 52.6% |
| Inadequate Facility / Smoke Studies | 49.1% |
| Investigations | 47.4% |
| Control of Pyrogenic Contamination | 40.4% |
| QAU Not Effective/ Production SOPs not followed/effective | 38.6% |
| Separation of Clean and Dirty Operations/Storage of Materials | 29.8% |
| Inadequate raw material control | 26.3% |
| Container Preparation | 19.3% |
| SOP/Control of Production | 14.0% |
| Safeguard Against Penicillin/ Cephalosporine Cross Contamination | 12.3% |
| Records not Available | 14.0% |
| Labelling Issues | 7.0% |
| Personnel not Trained/ Inadequate | 8.8% |
| Obvious Product Contamination (Micro/Particulate) | 5.3% |
| Change Control | 3.5% |



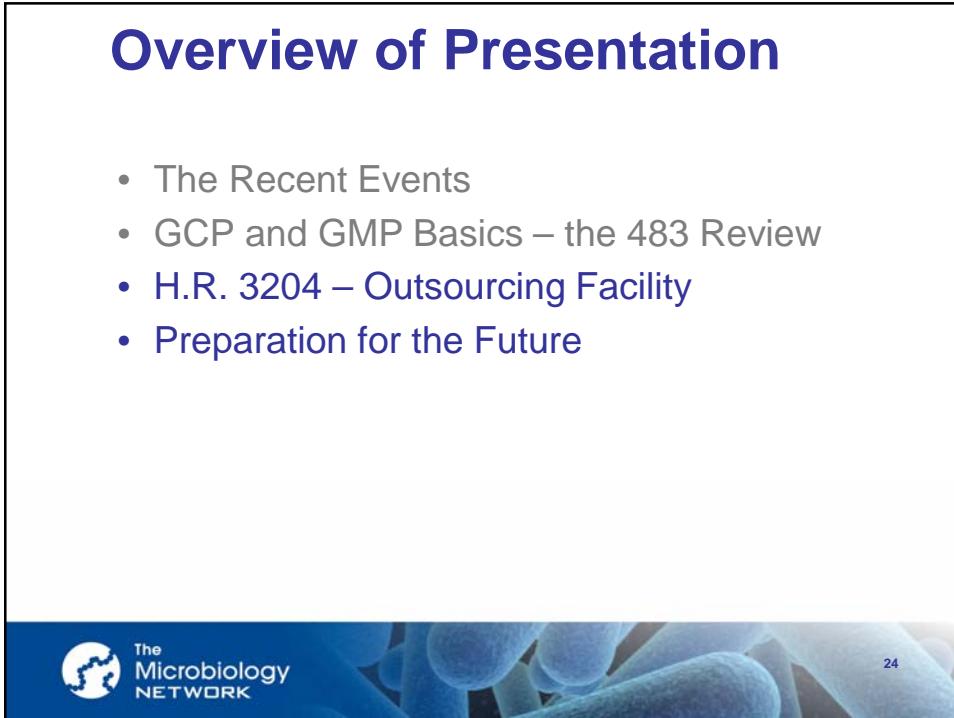
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H.R. 3204

Establishes “Outsourcing Facilities”

- Pay an annual registration fee of \$15,000
- Not be allowed to compound drugs that
 - Have had their approval withdrawn
 - Are on a safety list that FDA would be charged with creating and maintaining
 - Or are likely to lead to adverse events.
- The drugs would have to be clearly labelled as a compounded drug.
- Be required to report twice a year on the drugs compounded during the last 6 months. Adverse events would need to be reported to FDA within 15 days.



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H.R. 3204 (cont)

Establishes “Outsourcing Facilities”

- Be required to submit to FDA inspections on a schedule that would be determined by FDA considering
 - Facility's recall history
 - Facility's compliance history
 - The risk of the drugs compounded by the facility.
- Be subject to significant penalties for failing to pay registration or reinspection fees.



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H.R. 3204 (cont)

Pharmacies that do not register as outsourcing facilities may be prohibited from compounding drug products without a valid prescription.



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Know the Requirements

- USP <797> is under revision
- Outsourcing Facilities may face a combination of GCP and GMP
 - Review 21 CFR 211
 - Know USP <795>, <797> and <1163>
 - Have your facility in a state of control
 - Have your processes in a state of control
 - Have your testing and stability in line with expectations



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Facility Control

- Physical Barriers/Design
- HVAC
- Water
- Cleaning
- Sanitization
- Monitoring



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Process Control

- Incoming materials
 - Actives
 - Excipients
 - Water
 - Containers
- Equipment
- Process steps
- Hold times
- Filling conditions



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Testing

- Performed in-house
- Contracted
 - You are responsible for the quality of the work you contract – it is your preparation (product)
- Sterility Testing a particular concern



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Sterility Testing

- Two separate tests
 - Membrane Filtration
 - Direct Transfer
- 20 Units, 2 media & temperatures
- Requires Growth
 - Incubation period - 14 days



Moldenhauer, J and S. Sutton. 2004. Towards an Improved Sterility Test. *PDA J of Science and Technology* 58(6):284-286.



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Membrane Filtration

- Filter required amount of product through two filters
- Neutralize/Rinse
 - 3 100 mL volumes suggested
 - Formulations for dilution fluids suggested
- One filter into Soybean Casein Digest Broth (SCDB or TSB) – incubate at 20-25°C for 14 days
- One filter into Fluid Thioglycollate Medium (FTM)
 - incubate at 30-35°C for 14 days



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Direct Inoculation

- Place required amount of product into sufficient recovery medium (with neutralizers?)
 - Soybean Casein Digest Broth (SCDB or TSB)
 - incubate at 20-25°C for 14 days
 - Fluid Thioglycollate Medium (FTM) – incubate at 30-35°C for 14 days



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Method Suitability Test

Can we neutralize any antimicrobial properties of the medication?

Use specified challenge organisms

Use specified total amounts of products



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