

# I. Disinfection and sterilization

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# Terms

- **Decontamination** - disinfection procedures to eliminate contamination, ie pollution of the environment with substances with infectivity, radioactivity etc. Comes before mechanical cleaning.
- **Mechanical Cleaning** - is a set of procedures that remove dirt and reduce the number of micro-organisms.
- **Disinfection** - is a set of measures that lead to the destruction of some microorganisms by physical, chemical, or combined processes to interrupt the route of transmission from the source to the susceptible individual.
  - **Normal** protective disinfection - part of routine procedures
  - **Special** protective disinfection - at the outbreak/source of disease (continuous, final)
- **Sterilization** - a process that leads to the killing of all micro-organisms capable of reproduction, including their spores, leads to the irreversible inactivation of viruses and the killing of worms and their eggs.

# Legislative requirements

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(Decree No.  
306/2012 Coll.)

- in patient care, health workers must use **barrier care techniques** at all workplaces
- **only decontaminated aids should be used**
- work surfaces at all workplaces of healthcare facilities **must be allocated** according to the nature of the activity being carried out
- barrier care techniques must also be used for handling and transporting patients and for performing in joint/common examination and treatment departments.

# Legislative requirements

II

(Decree No.  
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- For **parenteral procedures** including drainage of wound and body cavities, urinary catheter insertion (!), health care workers must only use **sterile medical devices** and observe the **aseptic principle** during each parenteral procedure
- when **changing collecting bags**, they must use a closed drainage and collecting system to ensure against a possible backflow

# Legislative requirements

## III

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- in **endoscopes and other optical devices** inserted into sterile body cavities, at least **higher degree of disinfection** must be ensured; for digestive flexible and rigid endoscopes (except surgical) and laryngoscopes, **two-stage disinfection** must be ensured;
- **sterile fluids** must be used when investigating sterile body cavities when their use is indicated;
- **pad pliers** for sterile material handling are stored in a preservative or disinfectant solution intended for this purpose and exchanged for a maximum of 24 hours;

# Legislative requirements

## IV

(Decree No.  
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- **reusable medical devices** are disinfected, cleaned and sterilized according to the manufacturer's instructions
- **disposable aids** must not be repeatedly used even after sterilization
- **used tools and aids** contaminated with biological material must not be hand-cleansed by health workers without prior decontamination by disinfectants **with virucidal effect!**

# DISINFECTION

an essential part of the anti-epidemic regime in healthcare facilities and in areas where epidemiologically significant activity is being carried out (food industry, massage, ...)



Microbes  
and  
Environment

Environmental  
factors

**External environment factors**

- temperature
- radiation
- lack of water
- lack of nutrients
- inappropriate pH
- chemical substance



# Microbes and Environment

## Effect on microbial survival |

### Effect on microorganisms

- all micro-organisms are not killed at the same time, there is a gradual dying
- the number of microbes killed at a certain time depends on:
  - factor intensity
  - time of action (logarithmic relationship)
  - the starting count!
  - the type of microbe
  - environmental protection
  - for chemicals - temperature

# Microbes and Environment

Effect  
on microbial  
survival



- **Factor intensity** (physical effect, chemical concentration)
  - the higher, the more efficient
  - does not always apply !!!
- **Exposure time**
  - the longer, the better
  - reliable result: exposure time that decreases probability of survival to  $10^{-6}$
- **Starting count** (contamination level)
  - the more, the longer
  - the amount of the microbial biomass can bind the active ingredient of the antimicrobial agents! .....necessary pre-cleaning!

# Microbes and Environment

Effect  
on microbial  
survival



## Type and condition of microbes

- spores
- genus *Mycobacterium*
- naked x enveloped viruses

## The protective effect of the environment

- influence of organic substances (especially fats)
- pH (microbes are more sensitive in acidic environment)
- the physical nature of the environment (**porosity and hydrophobicity** of surfaces ...)
- chemical effect (silver, copper)

## Temperature at exposure to the chemical substance

- higher temperature increases the effectiveness of antimicrobials (**but also accelerates their deactivation !!!**)

# Methods of disinfection

- Physical
- Chemical
- Physico – chemical
- Biological protection



Spectrum of  
disinfection  
efficiency  
and  
**labeling** on the  
packaging

- Bactericidal – **A**
- Virucidal - **B**:
  - partially - enveloped viruses
  - fully – non-enveloped (naked) viruses
- Sporocidní – **C**
- Fungicidal - **V** (microscopic fibrous/mycelial fungi), **Levurocidal** - *C.albicans* (V)
- Tuberculocidal - **T** (*M.tuberculosis* complex)
- Mycobactericidal - **M** (atypical mycobacteria)
  
- Protozoa – **P**
- Helminths – **H**
  - Efficiency is tested according to standards!

# Disinfection efficiency spectrum

## Examples



Rychlá dezinfekce pomocí bezalkoholových utěrek.

### Naše Plus

- Vhodný k rychlé a šetrné dezinfekci malých ploch a povrchů zdravotnických prostředků otěrem
- Vhodný i na citlivé povrchy (UZV sondy, klávesnice...)
- Jednoduchá manipulace a snadné použití
- Ihned k použití
- Životnost po otevření min. 3 měsíce

**Složení (účinné látky ve 100 g přípravku)** – benzyl-C12-16-alkyldimethyl, chloridy 0,26 g, didecyldimethylammonium chlorid 0,26 g, C12-14-alkyl [(ethylphenyl) methyl] dimethyl, chloridy 0,26 g

**Aplikace** – Předem odstraňte z povrchu nebo předmětu viditelné nečistoty. Vytáhněte ubrousek z plastové dózy a stírejte jím povrch. Dbejte na důkladné smočení povrchu. Nechejte zaschnout. Používejte jen na suché a studené povrchy. Pro dezinfekci větších ploch použijte více ubrousků. Po použití dózu důkladně uzavřete.

Univerzální kapalný dezinfekční přípravek na bázi aktivního chloru.

Použití	Expozice
Dezinfekce ploch a povrchů zdravotnických prostředků	1 min.

**mikrozyd® sensitive wipes** je vhodný také na citlivé materiály (plexiskla, lakované povrchy), inkubátory, dotykové obrazovky, ultrazvukové, sondy, apod.

**Doba použitelnosti** – 24 měsíců

**Zdravotnický prostředek tř. IIa**

**Balení** – Jumbo dóza 200 ks ubrousků, náhradní balení Jumbo 200 ks ubrousků

**Rozměry ubrousku** – 20x20 cm



### Naše Plus

- Univerzální použití
- S mycími účinky
- Vhodný pro dezinfekci a mytí omyvatelných ploch a povrchů ve zdravotnictví, obecné hygieně i ostatních profesionálních oblastech.
- Pohlcuje nežádoucí pachy
- Ekonomicky výhodný

**Složení (účinné látky ve 100 g přípravku)** – chlornan sodný 4,7 g

**Aplikace** – Z ploch a předmětů předem odstraňte hrubé nečistoty. Plochy a povrchy otřete pomocí textilie (mop, utěrka apod.) smočené v pracovním roztoku. Malé, vodě odolné předměty lze ponořit do pracovního roztoku a po uplynutí doby expozice opláchnout vodou a osušit. Pracovní roztok lze na menší plochy a předměty aplikovat i postříkem. Nepoužívejte na poškozené kovové a smaltované povrchy, tkaninu, kůži, dřevo, gumu. Pozor! Přípravek má bělicí účinky.

Použití	Množství	Expozice
Dezinfekce a čištění ploch a povrchů ve zdravotnictví, potravinářství a obecné praxi	3%	15 min.
Ohnisková dezinfekce	3%	60 min.

**Doba použitelnosti** – 12 měsíců

**Biocidní přípravek**

**Balení** – 1 l láhev, 5 kg kanystř, 15 kg kanystř, 50 kg sud

# Procedure

1. Mechanical cleansing
2. Disinfection itself

Can be combined using disinfectants with washing and cleaning properties.

# Mechanical Cleansing

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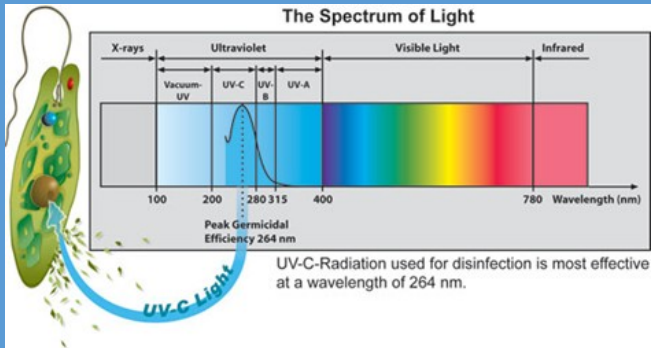
- Mechanical cleansing is one of the decontamination procedures that remove dirt and reduce the number of micro-organisms. **If contamination with biological material has occurred, it is necessary to include the disinfection process prior to mechanical cleaning.**
- Cleaning agents with disinfectant effect **are applied** either manually or by means of washing and cleaning machines, pressure guns, ultrasonic devices etc.
- All instruments and devices are kept clean.
- Cleaning machines and other equipment are used according to the manufacturer's instructions, **including the control of cleaning process.**



# Physical disinfection

- Disinfection in instruments at a temperature controlled/governed by **parameter Ao**. Devices must guarantee - at a given temperature - a reduction in the number of viable microorganisms on a disinfected item to a predetermined level that is suitable for items further use.
- Ultra violet radiation.
- Filtration, flame sterilization, combustion.
- Pasteurization (heating at 62.5 °C for 30 minutes).
- Boiling at atmospheric pressure for at least 30 minutes.
- Boiling in overpressure vessels for at least 20 minutes.

# Disinfection by UV radiation



## Effect:

- Germicidal fluorescent lamps with a wavelength of 253.7 - 264 nm (DNA)
  - It acts (is effective) on nucleic acids of microorganisms
- Limited efficiency !:
- Sensitive - streptococci, staphylococci, influenza virus, polio virus
  - Resistant - microbes sporulating and forming pigments, VHB,

HCV, HIV

- Range of microbicidal effect in air - 30 - 50 cm
- It does not penetrate the solid matter, it does not act on the shaded side
- efficient only on clean surfaces (dust!)

## Usage (as an additional disinfection!):

1. Surface disinfection (eg laboratories)
2. Air disinfection
3. Disinfection of water



# Filtration

## Health applications:

- water disinfection - membrane filters (inlet water of dishwashing and disinfection equipment, shower filters to prevent legionella, ..)



shower head



- air disinfection - facial masks, respirators, HEPA filters

# Parameter $A_0$ ?



- The parameters governing disinfection with moist heat (in washer-disinfectors etc.)
- "A" here denotes the time equivalent in seconds at 80 °C which generates a certain disinfection action against microorganisms with a defined z value. The z value is a measurement (in °C) of the temperature relationship to the killing process.
- $A_0 = 600$  is considered the minimum standard for **non-critical medical devices**, ie for those who come into contact only with **intact skin** (e.g. a bed basin). **Another condition** is that there is only slight microbial contamination and there are no heat-resistant pathogens.
- $A_0 = 600$  can be achieved by maintaining a temperature of 80 °C for 10 minutes or 90 °C for 1 minute or even 70 °C for 100 minutes.
- In the case of medical devices contaminated by **heat-resistant viruses** such as hepatitis B, the lowest required value is  $A_0 = 3000$ .
- This can be achieved by maintaining a temperature of **90 °C for 5 minutes**.

# Physical- chemical disinfection

- **Formaldehyde steam chamber** - serves for disinfection of textile, plastic products, wool, leather and fur at a temperature of 45 to 75 °C.
- **Washing and cleaning machines** - disinfection takes place at temperatures up to 60 °C with the addition of chemical disinfectants. The time parameter is governed by the manufacturer's instructions.



# Chemical disinfection

- Hydroxides and other alkalis
- Acids and some of their salts (inorganic, organic, acid esters, peroxyacids)
- Oxidizing agents (ozone, hydrogen peroxide, ...)
- Halogens (chlorine, chlorates, chloramines, bromine, iodine, ...)
- Heavy metal compounds (silver, copper, ...)
- Alcohols and ethers (ethyl alcohol, propanol, ...)
- Aldehydes (formaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, ...)
- Cyclic compounds (phenol, cresol, ...)
- Surfactants – tensides
- Combined
- New substances (octenidine dihydrochloride)

# Spectrum of Disinfection Efficiency of Chemicals

## Overview

Chemical compound	Chemická látka	A		B		C	T	M	V
		G+	G-	O+	O-				
Peracetic acid	Kyselina peroctová	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Halogens	Halogeny	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Green
Alcohols	Alkoholy	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Green
Formaldehyde	Formaldehyd	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
Glutaraldehyde	Glutaraldehyd	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
phenol derivative	Deriváty fenolu	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green
Quaternary ammonium compounds	KAS	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow

# Methods of performing the disinfection

- Immersion
- Wiping
- Spraying
- Disinfectant aerosols
- By gassing
- Evaporation
- Foam





# Check of disinfection

The following methods are used to control disinfection:

- **chemical** - qualitative and quantitative method for determination of active substances and their content in disinfecting solutions,
- **microbiological** - detection of the effectiveness of disinfecting solutions or microbial contamination of disinfected surfaces (smears, imprint, rinses, etc.).

Checking  
the effectiveness  
of  
washing  
and  
disinfection equipment

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- Continuous monitoring of parameters and verification of the effectiveness of the washing and disinfection process in washing and disinfection facilities shall be carried out and documented on a continuous basis, **at least once every 3 months**, by means of a device record or physical or chemical indicators or bioindicators.



## Disinfection documentation

- Documentation of the process of instrumental disinfection of invasive and noninvasive medical devices is documented/proved by an **automatic statement** of instrument values or a **physical or chemical indicator or bioindicator**.
- Documentation of the **pasteurization** process is documented by listing or recording of physical parameters.
- Written, or the electronic documentation of the washing and disinfection equipment is **archived at least 5 years** after the process control.

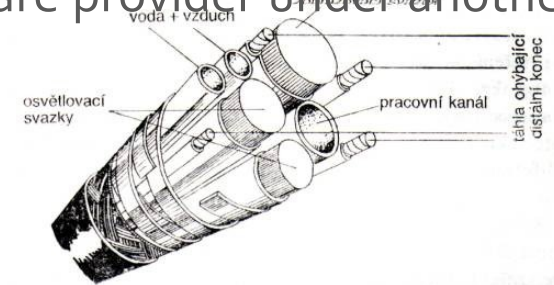
## Higher degree of disinfection

- Designed for medical devices that can not be sterilized by available methods and are used to perform and investigate microbially **physiologically uninhabited** body cavities (eg surgical and investigative endoscopes other than digestive ).
- 1st stage - disinfection and mechanical cleaning in disinfection solution No. 1 - bactericidal and virucidal effect  
2nd stage - disinfectant solution No. 2 - bactericidal, virucidal, fungicidal, tuberculocidal and sporicidal effect
- After a higher degree of disinfection, it is necessary to rinse objects with **sterile water** to remove residual chemicals.



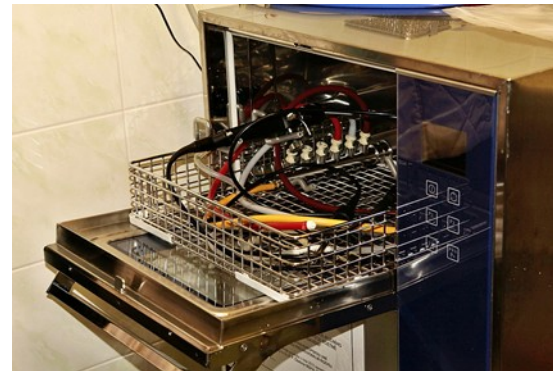
## Two-stage disinfection

- For medical devices that are used to perform activity in physiologically **microbial inhabited** areas of the body (digestive flexible and rigid endoscopes) and which can not be sterilized, two-stage disinfection is intended.
- The **first stage** of disinfection of the device or aid is done immediately after using it with a bactericidal and virucidal effect, followed by mechanical cleaning
- Using **disinfectants** with a broader range of disinfectant efficiency (at least **bactericidal, virucidal and on microscopic fiber fungi**) in the **second stage**
- With subsequent **rinsing**
  - a) by drinking water, the quality of which will be evidenced at least twice a year at the outlet of the healthcare provider under another legal regulation for drinking water , or
  - b) by purified water (Aqua purificata).



# Endoscope treatment procedure

- 1) **Decontamination** of the surface of an endoscope – eg. a napkin (virucidal efficacy!).
- 2) Treatment of hollow parts of the endoscope - by sucking the disinfectant solution into the endoscope cavity.
- 3) **Disinfection** and washing of endoscope in solution (**No. 1**) with bactericidal and virucidal activity (**stage I**) - immersion in a disinfection bath with disinfectant solution, rinsing with potable water and drying.
- 4) **stage II** or higher degree of disinfection - manually or in devices, disinfectant solution (**No. 2**) with efficiency according to the type of process.



# Storage of endoscopes

- **Storage for 8 hours** - covered with a **sterile drape** (only for example during pre-performance preparation - there is a risk of contamination of the drape), in closed and labeled disinfected cassettes or cabinets under aseptic conditions,
- after 8 hours, the last disinfection step in solution No. 2 (or instrument disinfection) must be repeated.
- **Storage for more than 8 hours** - in special **cabinets with HEPA filters** - as instructed by the cabinet manufacturer.

# Documentation

- The success of a higher level of disinfection is documented by a diary/logbook of a higher degree of disinfection for each medical device, which can not be sterilized by the classical method. In the diary of a higher degree of disinfection, the date of preparation of the disinfectant solution, the whole patient's name, the name of the disinfectant used, the concentration, the exposure, the name and signature of the medical practitioner, the identification number of the used medical device.
- Disinfection preparations used for two-stage disinfection shall be recorded in the diary/logbook with the date of preparation of the working solution, name of the worker, concentration and exposure, the identification number of the medical device used.
- Written or electronic documentation is archived for at least 5 years after the higher level of disinfection.



# Principles of the use of disinfectants

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- Disinfectants with **different effective chemical substances** **alternate regularly.**
- When changing the active substance, the surfaces must first be wiped with detergent water to avoid chemical reaction (stickiness, odor).
- When using disinfectants, follow the **instructions of the disinfectant manufacturer.**
- Work disinfection solutions are prepared by dissolving **the right amount** of disinfectant in water. **Prepared for each shift (12 hours) fresh** - depending on the degree of loading with biological material can be prepared even more often.

# Principles of the use of disinfectants

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- Disinfectants are diluted with **cold water**, unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer, to reduce the evaporation of chemicals into the air and their irritant effects. This applies especially to disinfectants containing **aldehydes and chlorine**.
- In the preparation of working disinfectant solutions, the supplied liquid disinfectant is considered a 100% solution.
- **The prescribed exposure time** for the disinfectant must be observed.
- **Containers** with diluted solutions of disinfectants **shall be labeled** with the name of the disinfectant, the concentration, the time of exposure, the date and the hour of dilution and the signature of the worker who diluted the solution.



# Principles of the use of disinfectants

## III

- Without the manufacturer's recommendations, disinfectants **should not be mixed** with other chemicals (other disinfectants or cleaning agents).
- Disinfectants and procedures of disinfection are chosen **not to damage the disinfected material**.
- Disinfected items, that come into **contact with food**, should be thoroughly rinsed with potable water after disinfection.
- **Disinfectants are stored** in original sealed containers, in dry and clean warehouses, separately from food or other chemicals

# Disinfection of skin and mucous membranes

- **Hand disinfection** - alcohols.
- **Decontamination** during splashing with biological material (eg eye flushing, etc.).
- **Before any damage to the skin** (mucous membranes):
  1. tattoos, earrings, piercing,
  2. prior to injection, vaccination, blood collection
  3. prior to surgery (disinfection of skin or mucous membranes).
- **To disinfect mucous membranes or wounds** - antiseptic (not to damage living tissues!)
- **Color** solutions (for visual inspection of the disinfected area) or **colorless** solutions (when assessing expected skin color changes) are used.
- When using electric appliances - it is necessary to dry alcoholic disinfectants!

# Examples of disinfectants for skin or mucous membranes

- **Skin disinfection - active ingredient:**
  1. alcohols (e.g., Cutasept)
  2. Iodine preparations:
    - polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP)-iodine - aqueous solution without alcohol (eg Braunol)
    - PVP - Iodine containing alcohol (eg Braunoderm dyed/ uncoloured)
- **mucosal disinfection - active substance:**
  - Chlorhexidine (can not be used in newborns!)
  - PVP - iodine (eg Braunol),
  - Octenidine dihydrochloride (eg Octenisept)
  - **some preparations are only used after dilution. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions!**



# STERILIZATION



# Definition

- The process that leads to the **killing of all microorganisms** capable of reproduction, **including spores**, leads to the irreversible **inactivation of viruses** and the killing of **worms** and their eggs.



# Requirements for sterility

- All tools and aids that break the integrity of the skin and mucous membranes.





# Methods of sterilization and use

- **Physical:**
  1. Hot air - metal, porcelain, glass, ceramics
  2. Steam - metal, porcelain, glass, ceramics, textiles, rubber, plastics, ...
  3. Plasma - for most materials, other than paper, textiles (temperature up to 60 °C)
  4. Radiation - for new products, only for industrial use
- **Chemical:**
  1. Formaldehyde - thermolabile materials (temperature up to 80 °C)
  2. Ethylene oxide - thermolabile materials including porous (temperature up to 55 °C)

# Pre-sterilization preparation of aids/tools

1. **Disinfection with a virucidal agent**
2. **Mechanical cleansing**
  - manual (formation of infectious aerosol !!!)
  - in dishwashing and disinfection facilities
1. **Rinse with drinking water**
2. **Drying**
3. **Packaging**
4. **Marking**



# Sterilization

**It is performed mostly in sterilizing devices in several stages:**

- heating up the material and possibly evacuate the air
- temperature equilizing in the material and in the space of the sterilizer
- killing of micro-organisms
- chamber cooling, material drying, cooling, pressure equalization

**Sterilization and pre-sterilization must always be carried out according to the manufacturer's instructions!**

The sterilizing chamber is filled up **to  $\frac{3}{4}$  volume!**



# PHYSICAL STERILIZATION

## Wet Heat Sterilization (Steam Autoclave)

- **Suitable for** items from: metal, glass, porcelain, ceramics, rubber, plastic and textiles, solutions, media
- There must be gaps between the embedded material so that steam can pass through!
- **Sterilization parameters:**

Teplota syté vodní páry	Tlak		Přetlak		Sterilizační expozice	
	°C	kPa	bar	kPa	bar	min
121	205	2,05	105	1,05	20	
134	304	3,04	204	2,04	4	Pro nebalené kovové nástroje k okamžitému použití. Sterilizace v přístrojích, kde se provádí vakuový a Bowle-Dick test a ve fázi odvzdušňování dosahují alespoň 13 kPa .
134	304	3,04	204	2,04	7	Sterilizace se provádí v přístrojích, kde se provádí vakuový a Bowle-Dick test a ve fázi odvzdušňování dosahují alespoň 13 kPa .
134	304	3,04	204	2,04	10	
134	304	3,04	204	2,04	60	Pro inaktivaci prionů ve spojení s alkalickým mytím

Temperature  
of saturated  
steam

Pressure

Overpressure

Sterilization  
exposure

# PHYSICAL sterilization

## Sterilization with circulating hot air

- **Suitable for items from:** metal, glass, porcelain, ceramics, stoneware.
- Circulating air delivers thermal energy directly or on the principle of conductivity and radiation.
- **Sterilization parameters:**  
160 °C for 60 minutes  
170 °C for 30 minutes  
180 °C for 20 minutes.



The hot air sterilizer opens at the end of the sterilization cycle after cooling to at least 80°C.

# PHYSICAL Sterilization

## Sterilization by radiation

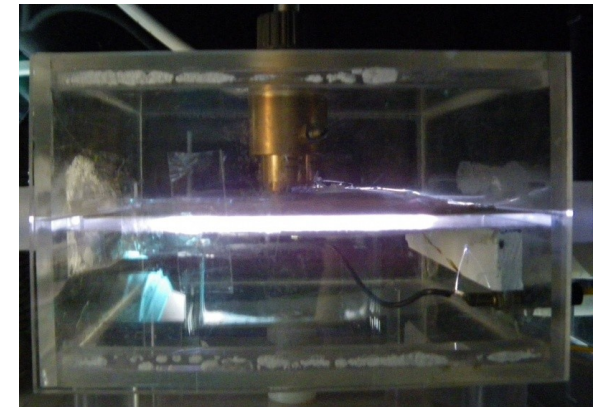
- It is used only for the **industrial production** of sterile disposable material (a controversial effect on HBV, HIV, ...).
- Suitable materials - some types of plastics, textiles, pulp, rubber, sewing material, medicaments, some transplants, ....
- It is carried out in the irradiation centers.
- The effect is caused by **gamma rays** at a rate of 25 kGy with high penetration through the material; the already packed materials stored in the cartons is irradiated



# PHYSICAL Sterilization

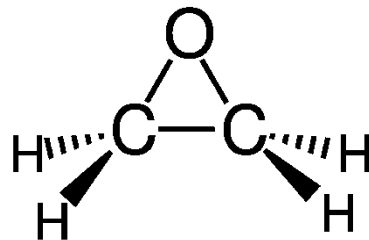
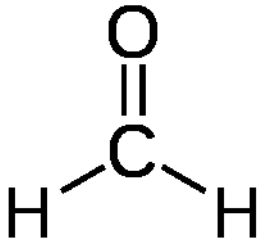
## Sterilization by plasma

- Suitable for metal, rubber, plastic, optical instruments.
- You can not sterilize wet and porous materials and textiles.
- Plasma is generated by the action of a high frequency **electromagnetic field in a high vacuum on hydrogen peroxide vapor** at a temperature of 50-60 °C. Free reactive particles react with live matter to deactivate them.
- This is a dry process.



# CHEMICAL

- Designed for medical devices that can not be sterilized by physical methods.
  1. **Formaldehyde:**
    - **for thermolabile material**, metal sharp objects, optics.
    - **not suitable** for textiles and paper.
    - works by the action of a gaseous mixture of formaldehyde with water vapor at a temperature of 60-80 °C.
    - only in rooms with controlled air conditioning.
  2. **Ethylene oxide:**
    - colorless, volatile liquid, vapors are flammable, explosive, toxic, carcinogenic!
    - after sterilization, materials must be vented in special cabinets or rooms.





# Sterilization packages/wraps

- serves to protect sterilized objects from secondary contamination until their use
- are different for each method of sterilization
- must always be marked by a **process test**! (color change indicates, that the item underwent a sterilization process)



# Types of sterilization packages/wraps

- **Disposable packaging/wraps**
  - paper, polyamide, combined paper - foil and other (nonwoven textiles, crepe packaging, ...),
  - always provided with a process test,
  - sealed by welding or gluing,
  - different according to the method of sterilization
- **Solid, reusable packaging**
  - cassettes (stainless steel and only for hot air sterilization!)
  - containers (stainless steel or aluminum) - with Thermo-lock system, which closes the container by heat during sterilization.



# Labeling of sterilization packages

- **Primary sterilization packaging** (unit) - a sealed or closed packaging system that forms a microbial barrier closing the medical device.
- **Secondary sterilization packaging** - a packing system containing one or more medical devices, each packed in its primary packaging.

Method of sterilization

Expiration for material  
freely stored      protected

Kind of packing Druh obalu	Způsob sterilizace					Expirace pro materiál	
	PS 1)	HS 2	PLS 3)	FS 4)	ES 5	Volně uložený	Chráněný
Cassettes	-	+	-	-	-	24 hod.	48 hod.
Container	+	+*	+**	-	-	6 dnů	12 týdnů
Paper	+	-	-	-	-	6 dnů	12 týdnů
Paper – foil	+	-	-	+	+	6 dnů	12 týdnů
Polyamid	-	+	-	-	-	6 dnů	12 týdnů
Polypropylen	-	+	+	-	-	6 dnů	12 týdnů
Tyvek	-	-	+	+	+	6 dnů	12 týdnů
nonwoven textiles	+	-	-	***	***	6 dnů	12 týdnů
Double packing						12 týdnů	6 měsíců
Double packing and storage packing						1 rok	1 rok

# Storage and transportation of sterilized material

- It is necessary to protect it from dust, direct sunlight, moisture and mechanical damage.
- Best to store in closed cabinets, storage container, drawer or other packaging.
- **Transport to a place of use only in a special locked closed crates or cabinets!**



# CONTROL OF STERILIZATION

1. Sterilization cycle monitoring (monitoring of measuring devices, eventually printing of values and their evaluation in sterilization diary/logbook)



2. Checking the effectiveness of sterilizing devices (see below)
3. Control of sterility of sterilized material (part of validation).

# Check the sterilization device's performance

- The operator is responsible for checking the effectiveness of the sterilizing instruments.
- **Combining the evaluation** of physical parameters of sterilization, chemical indicators and biological indicators.
- **If any parameter is outside the set limit, sterilization is judged to be unsatisfactory!**
- The sterilization check is recorded in the **sterilization diary/logbook**.

# Sterilization documentation

## The sterilization diary/logbook documents:

- type of sterilized material,
- sterilization parameters,
- date
- the name and surname of the person who performed the sterilization
- written evaluation of non-biological tests (passed / failed),  
(archiving for 5 years).



# Checking the effectiveness of the sterilization device

## Methods

- **The check is carried out by:**
  - 1. **Biological systems**  
(eg. *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* for steam sterilization, ...)
  - 2. **Non-biological systems**  
(Bowie-Dick test, Chemical Process Tests, Chemical Tests of sterilization)
  - 3. **Physical Systems – part of instrument** (Vacuum Test, Apparatus displaying or recording measured temperature)

# Biological control systems

- The biological indicator contains a selected microorganism (*Geobacillus stearothermophilus*) with high resistance to the sterilizing medium. If it is **killed by sterilization** → **sterilization cycle has passed**, it has been effective.
- the procedure and method of use are governed by applicable standards.
- **Frequency of use:**
  - for new instruments, after repair, after relocation,
  - always if in doubt,
  - once a month on central sterilization, operating theaters.
  - for sterilisers older than 10 years, after 100 cycles and at least once every six months; if younger than 10 years - after 200 cycles and at least once a year.



# Non-biological systems



1. **Bowie - Dick's Test:**

- a test of correct venting and penetration of steam,
- performed before the first sterilization cycle of the day without batch.

2. **Chemical Process Tests:**

- they react to the presence of the sterilizing medium by color change
- it is part of each unit package.



3. **Chemical sterilization tests:**

- to demonstrate/prove all cycle parameters (eg temperature, pressure, ...)
- respond to conditions in the sterilization chamber by color change
- they are added to each batch and evaluated immediately after the end of the cycle.



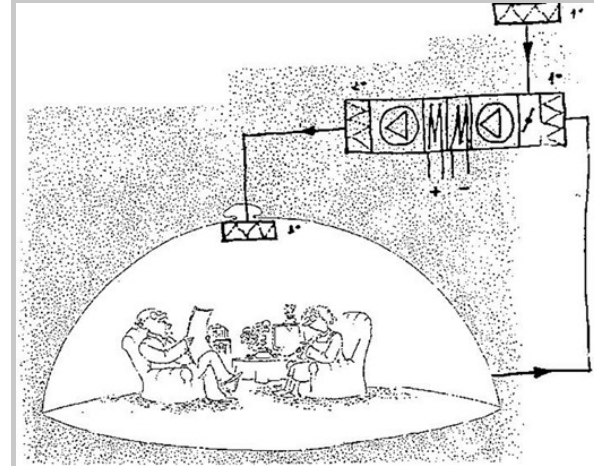
# Manipulation with sterile medical supplies

It is necessary to ensure the shortest way of sterile material to the patient without the risk of contamination:

- non-delivery system (without touching)
- single use of sterilized tweezers and material, sterile gloves,
- if not possible, then by means of pliers daily sterilized and stored in daily sterilized wenchers filled up to 2/3 with some of the appropriate disinfectant solutions for tools.



## II. Clean rooms



# Clean rooms

## Definitions

It is a confined space, in which the concentration of dust particles and microorganisms is controlled.

It is designed and used in such a way as to minimize the input, formation and settling of particles inside the space and in which other relevant parameters such as temperature, humidity and pressure are controlled.

# Classification of clean rooms.

- It is given by the amount of dust particles of a certain size / m<sup>3</sup>
- it divides clean rooms into so-called **cleanliness classes**

## Specification:

EN ISO 14644-1

Clean spaces and appropriate managed environments  
(ISO Class 1 - 9)

Parameters of microbial contamination are supplemented by:

- International Regulation PIC PH 1/97:  
Pharmaceutical Inspection Conention  
(Class A, B, C, D)

# Use of clean rooms

## 1. GROUP

- **Micromechanisms**  
microhydraulics, gyroscopes, compact discs
- **Cars**  
car paint rooms
- **Electronics**  
processors, IO, TV screens,  
magnetic tapes
- **Optics**  
lenses, photographic films, laser devices





# Use of clean rooms

## 2. GROUP

- **Biotechnology**  
antibiotics, genetic engineering
- **Medical equipment**  
pacemakers, artificial blood vessels, syringes, implants
- **Pharmacy**  
sterile production, protection of some critical steps
- **HOSPITAL**  
operating theatres, central sterilization, isolation of infectious patients
- **Food and beverages**  
beer production, non-sterile food and beverage



# CLASSES OF CLEANING

Norm  
14644-1

Table 1 — Selected airborne particulate cleanliness classes for cleanrooms and clean zones

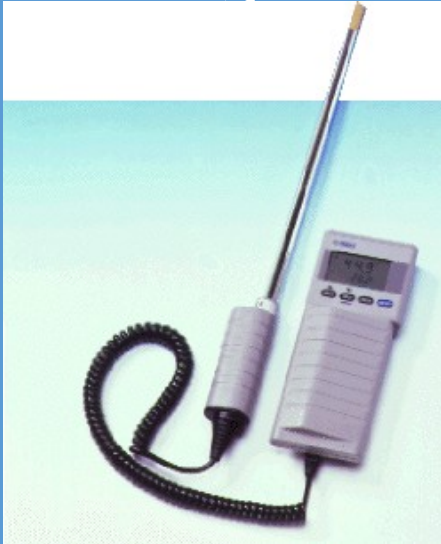
ISO classification number (N)	Maximum concentration limits (particles/m <sup>3</sup> of air) for particles equal to and larger than the considered sizes shown below (concentration limits are calculated in accordance with equation (1) in 3.2)					
	0,1 µm	0,2 µm	0,3 µm	0,5 µm	1 µm	5 µm
ISO Class 1	10	2				
ISO Class 2	100	24	10	4		
ISO Class 3	1 000	237	102	35	8	
ISO Class 4	10 000	2 370	1 020	352	83	
ISO Class 5	100 000	23 700	10 200	3 520	832	29
ISO Class 6	1 000 000	237 000	102 000	35 200	8 320	293
ISO Class 7				352 000	83 200	2 930
ISO Class 8				3 520 000	832 000	29 300
ISO Class 9				35 200 000	8 320 000	293 000

NOTE Uncertainties related to the measurement process require that concentration data with no more than three significant figures be used in determining the classification level

# Clean rooms in legislation of Czech Republic

- Legislation defining cleanroom requirements in the Czech Republic is focused only on **production facilities and treatment of pharmaceuticals**.
- The only legally binding regulation in this area is Decree No. 84/2008 Coll. on **good pharmacy practice**.
- For the healthcare facilities, therefore, the classifications of purity classes given for pharmacy practice are used:  
**SÚKL (State Institute for Drug Control ) Instruction:**
  - VYR 36 Clean rooms (2009)
  - LEK-17 Preparation of sterile medicinal products in pharmacies and medical facilities (2016)

# Microclimatic parameters in Czech legislation



**Decree No. 6/2003 Coll.**, laying down hygienic limits of chemical, physical and biological **parameters for indoor living quarters** of some buildings:

- **does not apply to operating theaters and other areas requiring increased demands on cleanliness**

- **environmental cleanliness:** bacterial limit - 500 cfu / m<sup>3</sup>  
mold limit - 500 cfu / m<sup>3</sup>  
(detected by aeroscopic measurement)

- **temperature limits** - summer: 24 °C ± 2 °C  
- winter: 22 °C ± 2 °C

The inclusion  
of  
"clean rooms"  
in the  
healthcare sector  
of the  
Czech Republic

Established by agreement between Public health authorities,  
designers and users

class of cleanliness	medical facilities	
TŘÍDA ČISTOTY	ZDRAVOTNICKÉ PROSTORY	
A	superseptický sál - laminární proudění, laminární proudění (boxy)...	<b>superseptic hall</b>
B	superseptický sál- vedle lamináru, Life islands, popáleninové jednotky – JIP, operační sály	<b>superseptic hall</b>
C	zázemí superseptických sálů, čistá strana CS, ARO	<u>utility rooms</u>
D	Zázemí aseptických sálů, septické sály, NO – JIP, angiografie, zákrokové sály, JIP – pooperační, cystoskopie, bronchoskopie	<u>utility rooms</u>

# Slovakia

Třída čistoty ISO	Zdravotnické pracoviště	Počet prachových částic/m <sup>3</sup>		Počet mikroorganismů KTJ/m <sup>3</sup>	
		≥ 0,5 μm	≥ 5,0 μm	nepatogenní	patogenní
5 (A)	Superseptický operační sál/operační pole, Transplantační a popáleninová jednotka.	3 520	29	---	< 1
M 3,5		3 530	0	< 1	
6 (B)	Aseptický operační sál/operační pole, Superseptický operační sál/prostor sálu.	35 200	293	---	
4,5		35 300	247	5	
7 (C)	Aseptický operační sál/prostor sálu, Čistá a aseptická strana CS, Angiografické sály, JIP patologických novorozenců a onkologie. ARO	352 000	2 930	---	
5,5		353 000	2 470	100	
8 (D)	Zázemí aseptických sálů, JIP chirurgické, novorozenecké Dospávací pokoje, Základní sály, Endoskopické vyšetřovny.	3 520 000	29 300	---	
6,5		3 530 000	24 700	500	
9	Standardní lůžkové oddělení/pokoje pacientů	35 200 000	293 000	---	
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Annex No. 1 to the  
Decree No. 553/2007  
Coll.,

The highest possible  
concentrations of dust  
particles and microbial  
factors in clean areas of  
the facility

# CLASSES OF CLEANING

Dust particles according to VYR 36 (SÚKL instruction)

Třída čistoty	Maximální přípustný počet částic/m <sup>3</sup> o velikosti rovné nebo větší			
	Za klidu		Za provozu	
	0,5 μm	5,0 μm	0,5 μm	5,0 μm
<b>A</b>	3520	20	3 520	20
<b>B</b>	3520	29	352 000	2 900
<b>C</b>	352 000	2 900	3 520 000	29 000
<b>D</b>	3 520 000	29 000	nedefinováno	nedefinováno



## Classes of cleanliness

Number of viable microorganisms / m<sup>3</sup> of air according to VYR 36 (Instruction SÚKL)

Measurement during operation !!!

## Class Recommended limits for microbiological contamination

Třída	Doporučené limity pro mikrobiologickou kontaminaci (a)			
	Vzorkování vzduchu CFU/m <sup>3</sup>	Petriho miska (průměr 90 mm) CFU/4hod (b)	Kontaktní desky (průměr 55 mm) CFU/deska	Otisk rukavice 5 prstů CFU/rukavici
<b>A</b>	<1	<1	<1	<1
<b>B</b>	10	5	5	5
<b>C</b>	100	50	25	-
<b>D</b>	200	100	50	-

air

petri dish

contact dish

glove imprint







## Aeroscopic measurement



- it serves to quantify microbial contamination of the environment.
- air of a certain volume (most often 100 l) is sucked in and directed to a standard Petri dish with culture medium.
- air samples (Petri dishes) are further cultivated according to accredited procedures for colony numbers.
- the results are rated according to VYR 36.

# Clean rooms in the healthcare

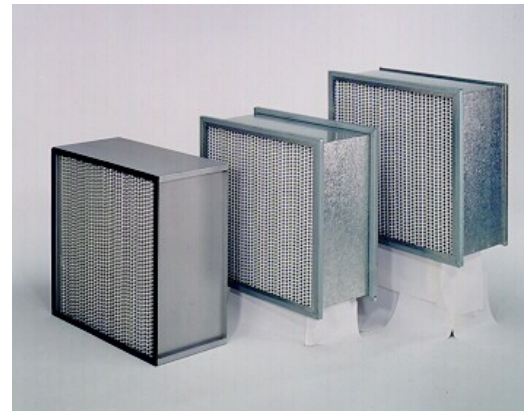
## Air conditioning

- For clean rooms in the health care sector, air conditioning units with **three-stage filtration** (coarse filter, fine filter, end **HEPA filter** - high efficiency particulate arrestance) are delivered.
- **Unidirectional air flow** must be maintained by maintaining constant overpressure (15 kPa).
- The pressure must be **highest in the area of the highest purity class.**
- They allow filtration, heating, dampening, air cooling, and transport of conditioned air.
- Panels or boxes for **laminar flow** are used to protect the surgical wound, product or staff.

# Definition of HEPA filter from IES

## HEPA - High efficiency particulate arrestance

Disposable filter medium of dry type in a solid frame-having a minimum particle capture efficiency of **99.97% for thermally generated 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  diketophthalate (DOP) particles** (or for a specified alternative method).



# HEPA filters

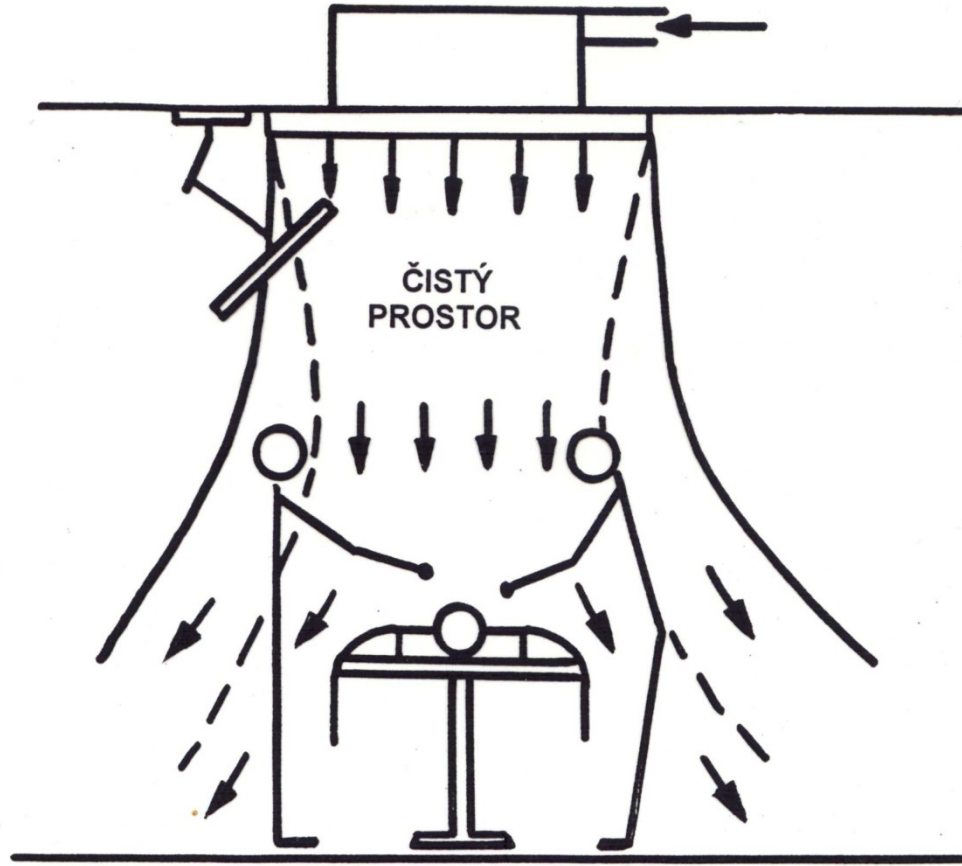
Division of HEPA filters into classes according to ČSN EN 779, 1822

Penetration/efficacy

		Penetrance / účinnost (%)	
<b>Filtry pro mikročástice</b> (účinné pro částice 0,01 μm)	<b>MPPS</b>	85	—
	<b>H 10</b>	90	—
	<b>H 11</b>	95,0	—
		97,0	—
<b>H (HEPA)</b>	<b>H 12</b>	99,0	—
		99,5	—
	<b>H 13</b>	99,7	—
		99,9	—
<b>U (ULPA)</b>	<b>H 14</b>	99,95	—
		99,97	—
		99,99	—
	<b>U 15</b>	99,995	—
		99,997	—
		99,999	—
		99,9995	—
<b>U 16</b>	99,9997	—	
	99,9999	—	
<b>U 17</b>	99,99995	—	



## Laminar flow



# Employee Mode

(Lek 17)

- For personnel and material movement and room cleaning, there must be **precisely defined rules** that minimize particulate and microbial contamination.
- Workers' access should be limited and **personnel and material** must enter the cleanroom according to a defined procedure (changing clothes and cleaning of workers, cleaning and disinfecting the material). The range and procedures are to be determined depending on the defined purity class.
- Workers should wear **special clothing** depending on the cleanliness class.



Does she have a white coat? She has! So calm down!

# Working clothes and dressing

(according to Lek 17)

- **Class A / B:** The headgear (the balaclava) has perfectly maske the hair and where it is needed also the beard and is to be inserted under the collar of the overalls. A mask should be deployed across the face to prevent droplet release. On the hands, workers should have a sterilized, non-dusted rubber or plastic gloves, on legs there should be sterilized or disinfected footwear or sleeves. The lower ends of the trousers should be inserted into the shoe or sleeves, and the sleeves of the overalls should be inserted into the gloves. The protective suit is practically free of any loose fibers and particles and is supposed to trap particle detached from the surface of the body.
- **Class C:** Hair and wherever needed also the beard should be covered. Clothes should consist of a short coat and trousers or overalls, the sleeves should be tightened on the wrist, the coat should have a high collar, and the feet should have suitable shoes or sleeves. No fibers or particles should be released from the clothing.
- **Class D:** Hair and wherever needed also beard should be covered. Protective clothing and appropriate footwear or sleeves should be used. Appropriate measures should be taken to prevent the introduction of contamination into clean rooms.

# OPERATION THEATRE

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## CLEAN ROOM

### Mode



- Statute of the closed department.
- Separation of the operation of the barrier (septic) hall, separation of the operation of the super-aseptic hall from the regular aseptic rooms (rooms, tools, devices, laundry, personnel in one operational shift).
- Compliance with the rules for the individual classes of purity of the operating tract (use of lips, staff regime, laundry mode, waste disposal, ...).
- Hygienic hand disinfection already in a hygienic filter.
- Modes of patient and material transportation, employee entrance (own transport vehicles, dedicated access roads, hygienic filters, ...)
- Professional behavior of medical professionals (protection of operating theater air by closing the door, without excessive movement and speaking during operations, ...)
- Ensure air quality with appropriate air conditioning (see Clean rooms).
- Preoperative patient preparation.