

## Pharmacy Cleaning and Maintenance

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## Objectives

*By the end of this presentation, the participant should be able to:*

- Determine the frequency by which pharmacy areas should be cleaned
- Describe the steps necessary to clean the biosafety cabinet
- Summarize the risks of inadequate cleaning and maintenance



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## Pharmacy Area Cleaning: **Daily**

- The following tasks should be completed **at least once a day**:
  - Ensure floors and counters are clean and tidy
  - Remove trash and waste bins (including hazardous and sharps containers) to appropriate disposal location
  - Clean Biosafety cabinet at start and end of a shift



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## Pharmacy Area Cleaning: **Weekly**

- The pharmacy workroom, ante room, and clean room should be deep/"terminal" cleaned **at least once a week**
- Ensure all areas are cleaned:
  - Ceilings
  - Walls
  - Sinks
  - Counters
  - Tables
  - Sides and legs of the biosafety cabinet
  - Chairs/stools
  - Air vents/returns
  - Floor



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## Pharmacy Area Cleaning: **Monthly**

- The following tasks should be completed **at least once monthly**:
  - Remove all supplies/medications from storage locations (e.g., shelves, refrigerators)
  - Wipe down all bins, cabinets, shelves
  - Wipe all medication preparation areas
  - Replace all supplies/medications



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## Biosafety Cabinet Maintenance

### Maintenance

- All biosafety cabinets (BSCs) should be inspected a minimum of **every 6 months**
- BSC inspection should be completed by a NSF-certified external vendor



### Cleaning & Decontamination

- **Clean** the BSC at the **beginning and end** of each shift, when a spill occurs, or if the blower was turned off
- **Decontaminate** the BSC at **least once a month** and
  - When a spill enters the air intake vents
  - Before moving or servicing the cabinet



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### Biosafety Cabinet Cleaning

- Alternate cleaning materials/chemicals each week, per table below
- *Note: Cleaning procedure steps are on the following slide*

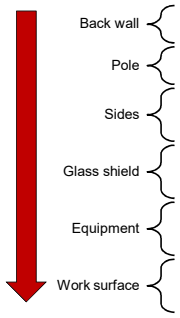
Week	First Step	Second Step
1	Spray 10% bleach solution and allow to remain on the surface for 2 minutes	Wipe (per cleaning procedure) with sterile gauze* soaked with sterile 70% isopropyl alcohol to remove all residue
2	Use Envirocleanse spray (per cleaning procedure) and allow to remain on the surface for 2 minutes	Wipe (per cleaning procedure) with sterile gauze* soaked with sterile 70% isopropyl alcohol to remove all residue

- \*Sterile gauze should be 4 inch x 4 inch in size, and 4-ply  
 – **Do not use other materials (wool, sponges, etc.) as they will leave non-sterile particulate matter**



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### Biosafety Cabinet Cleaning Procedure



- Back wall: Use continuous overlapping strokes starting at the top back corner and moving horizontally back and forth
- Pole: Clean the horizontal pole (if present) using a slow, continuous movement in one direction
- Sides: Start at the top back corner of each side, using continuous overlapping strokes in a horizontal direction until the bottom of the side is reached
- Glass shield: Reach as far as possible up the side of glass shield and use continuous overlapping strokes in the horizontal direction until the bottom of the glass shield is reached
- Equipment: Equipment in the hood must be cleaned and should be moved to allow for cleaning of the work surface underneath the equipment
- Work surface: Start the back corner, use continuous overlapping strokes, moving in the horizontal direction until the front of the hood is reached


These steps are for a vertical laminar airflow cabinet; different procedures are required for a horizontal laminar airflow cabinet

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### Biosafety Cabinet Decontamination

- Assemble the following supplies
  - Screwdriver
  - Chemo gloves (2 pair)\*
  - Chemo gown (1)\*
  - Dust and mist respirator mask (1)\*
  - Disposable safety glasses (1)\*
  - Chemo waste bag (2)\*
  - Spill towels (3)\*
  - Chemo spill pads (2)\*
  - Shoe covers (1 pair)\*
  - Sterile water for irrigation (2 x 1 liter bottles)
  - Sterile gauze pads
  - Bleach solution or Envirocleanse (depending on which product is in use for cleaning that week)


\*These items may be present in a Chemo Spill Kit



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### Biosafety Cabinet Decontamination

- Follow the correct procedures for Donning Personal Protective Equipment and Hand Scrubbing prior to beginning the Decontamination
- Remove screws from the work tray, place them in a safe location
- As you clean, all used materials (gauze, gloves, etc.) should be placed in a ziplock bag, then lastly in the chemo waste bag for disposal
- Take care to not wet the HEPA filter



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### Biosafety Cabinet Decontamination

Clean the BSC in the following order:

1. Top filter grill
2. Back wall
3. IV bar/pole
4. Side walls
5. Work tray (including the back side/underneath)
6. Inside/bottom cabinet panels
7. Glass shield (inside)
8. Glass shield (outside) plus other outer surfaces

Use bleach (or Envirocleanse) to wash and scrub all areas


- After washing, rinse/wipe with sterile water and gauze
- Use new sterile gauze pads frequently
- Dispose of gauze in ziplock bag



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### Cleaning & Maintenance Records

- Complete the appropriate/corresponding Pharmacy Records Forms when any of the following are completed:
  - Cleaning
    - Daily
    - Weekly
    - Monthly
  - Decontamination
  - Maintenance/certification
  - Aseptic technique validation




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### Cleaning & Maintenance Summary

Frequency	Task
Each shift	Clean the biosafety cabinet
Daily	Ensure pharmacy areas are clean and tidy; remove trash and waste
Weekly	Terminal cleaning of pharmacy areas
Every 6 months	BSC inspection and certification by qualified vendor
Annually	Aseptic technique re-validation


*If any signs of failure to adhere to aseptic technique, or if the BSC is not re-certified, then additional steps are required to ensure re-validation of technique and re-certification of the BSC*



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### What's Next?

- Watch video on cleaning the biosafety cabinet
- Complete practice questions
- Review answer fields



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