

Pharmacy Clean Room Design

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Objectives

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

- Understand the purpose of a pharmacy clean room (buffer room) and ante room
- Define primary vs. secondary engineering controls in a pharmacy
- Describe important components of a pharmacy clean room



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Why do we need a clean (buffer) room?



Patients

Provider safe, high-quality medications



Provider

Protect against hazardous exposure



Program

It's the RIGHT thing to do to advance practice





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Components of Clean Room Design

- 1. Primary Engineering Controls**
 - Containment Primary Engineering Controls (C-PEC)
- 2. Secondary Controls**
 - Containment Secondary Engineering Controls (C-SEC)
 - Containment Segregated Compounding Area (C-SCA)
- 3. Supplemental Controls**
 - Closed system transfer devices (CSTDs)
 - Aseptic Technique Best Practices



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ISO 14644-1 Standards

ISO 5	ISO 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 100,000 particles (of 0.1 μm each) per cubic meter (m³) • Type of air which should be in the BSC • Also known as "Class 100" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 10,000,000 particles (of 0.1 μm each) per cubic meter (m³) • Also known as "Class 10,000" • Type of air which should be in the ante room and buffer room



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Primary Engineering Control

C-PEC basics

- Externally ventilated device designed to minimize worker and environmental exposure to hazardous drugs
- Basically... it's the biosafety cabinet (BSC)!
- Provides ISO Class 5 or better air

C-PECs for sterile hazardous drugs

- Compounding aseptic containment isolator (CACI, or "glovebox")
- Class II, Type A2 or B2 BSC
- For preparation of injectables, intrathecal, etc.

C-PEC for non-sterile hazardous drugs

- Containment ventilated enclosure (CVE) or dedicated BSC
- For crushing oral tablets, preparing oral suspensions, etc.



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Secondary Control Components

- Air changes per hour (ACPH)**
 - Minimum of 12 for C-SCA
 - Minimum of 30 for C-PEC
- HEPA filtration**
 - HEPA = high efficiency particulate air
 - Traps particles greater than 0.3 micron in size
 - Become more efficient with time, but can also become contaminated with hazardous drugs or microbial organisms
- Pressurization**
 - Negative pressure should be between 0.01 and 0.03 inches of water column relative to adjacent areas
- Construction materials**
 - Durable, non-particle generating materials
 - Minimal lips, seams, corners, ledges

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Two "Types" of Pharmacy Spaces

ISO Class 7 buffer room + ISO Class 7 ante-room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Externally vented C-SEC Negative pressure* Externally vented C-PEC (Class II or CACI) 30 ACPH 	Unclassified C-SCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Externally vented C-SCA Negative pressure* Externally vented C-PEC (Class II or CACI) 12 ACPH
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C-SCA Design Example

- For situations when a proper C-SEC design is not feasible
- Minimum of 12 ACPH

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Ideal Buffer/Ante Room Design - A

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Ideal Buffer/Ante Room Design - B

BSC = biosafety cabinet, BSC A2 or B2, CACI = containment aseptic compounding isolator, LAFW = laminar airflow workstation, CAI = compounding aseptic isolator

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Temperature and Humidity

- Ante and buffer room should be maintained at controlled room temperature
 - 20 to 25 degrees Celsius
- Relative humidity should be at or below 50%, with a goal of closer to 40%

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Other Considerations

- Location of personal protective equipment
- Sink location and method of activation (e.g., hands free)
- Location and type of waste disposal receptacles
- Secure access and remote monitoring
- Eye wash stations
- Refrigerators
- Shelving and storage
- Compounding pumps
- General office needs (phone, computer, chair, clock)



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What's Next?

- Read USP<800> if you have not done so already
- Complete the practice questions



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