

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL
PHARMACY SERVICES**

SECTION: **PERSONNEL RELATED POLICIES**

SUBJECT: **NURSING INSERVICE - PREPARATION OF STERILE PRODUCTS**

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POLICY

The Pharmacy Department will conduct on an ongoing basis (semi-monthly to monthly) inservices for incoming nurses during their orientation process. The objective will be to ensure proper sterile preparation technique.

PROCEDURE

Pharmacists will serve as instructors in the proper preparation of sterile products for incoming nurses during their orientation by focusing on the following:

1. Hand washing before and after preparation
2. Cleaning/disinfecting work area in advance
3. Using alcohol swabs to sterile rubber stopper
4. Using proper size syringe
5. Utilizing proper technique to avoid contamination of the plunger of the syringe
6. Demonstrating technique to minimize bubbles in the syringe chamber
7. Preventing needle from contacting unsterile surfaces
8. Ensuring proper disposal of all needles and syringes at the end of preparation
9. Appropriate labeling information

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