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- 79 4. Monitoring of Personnel. Daily personnel monitoring data and associated trends should be
30 reviewed and can in some cases strongly indicate a route of contamination. The adequacy of
31 personnel practices and training should also be considered.
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- 33 5. Product pre-sterilization bioburden. Trends in product bioburden should be reviewed (counts
34 and identity). Adverse bioburden trends occurring during the time period of the test failure
35 should be considered in the investigation.
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- 37 6. Production record review. Complete batch and production control records should be
38 reviewed to detect any signs of failures or anomalies which could have a bearing on product
39 sterility. For example, the investigation should evaluate batch and trending data that indicate
40 whether utility/support systems (e.g., HVAC, WFI) are functioning properly. Records of air
41 quality monitoring for filling lines should show a time at which there was improper air
42 balance, an unusual high particulate count, etc.
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- 44 7. Manufacturing history. The manufacturing history of the product or similar products should
45 be reviewed as part of the investigation. Past deviations, problems, or changes (e.g., process,
46 components, equipment) are among the factors that can provide an indication of the origin of
47 the problem.

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XII. BATCH RECORD REVIEW: PROCESS CONTROL DOCUMENTATION

Sections 211.100, 211.186, and 211.188 address documentation of production and control of a batch, including recording various production and process control activities at the time of performance. Section 211.100 (b) requires a documented record and evaluation of any deviation from written procedures.

Section 211.192 states that "All drug product production and control records, including those for packaging and labeling, shall be reviewed and approved by the quality control unit to determine compliance with all established, approved written procedures before a batch is released or distributed. Any unexplained discrepancy (including a percentage of theoretical yield exceeding the maximum or minimum percentages established in master production and control records) or the failure of a batch or any of its components to meet any of its specifications shall be thoroughly investigated, whether or not the batch has already been distributed. The investigation shall extend to other batches of the same drug product and other drug products that may have been associated with the specific failure or discrepancy. A written record of the investigation shall be made and shall include the conclusions and followup."

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Maintaining process and environmental control is a daily necessity for an aseptic processing operation. The requirement for review of all batch records and data for conformance with written procedures, operating parameters, and product specifications prior to arriving at the final release decision for an aseptically processed batch calls for an overall review of process and system performance for that given cycle of manufacture. All in-process data must be included with the batch record documentation per Section 211.188. Review of environmental monitoring data as well as other data relating to the acceptability of output from support systems (e.g., HEPA / HVAC, WFI, steam generator) and proper functioning of equipment (e.g., batch alarms report; integrity of various filters), should be viewed as essential elements of the batch release decision.

While interventions and/or stoppages are normally recorded in the batch record, the manner of documenting these occurrences varies. In particular, line stoppages and any unplanned interventions should be sufficiently documented in batch records with the associated time and duration of the event. In general, there is a correlation between product (or container-closure) dwell time in the aseptic processing zone and the probability of contamination. Sterility failures can be attributed to atypical or extensive interventions that have occurred as a response to an undesirable event during the aseptic process. Written procedures describing the need for line clearances in the event of certain interventions, such as machine adjustments and any repairs, should be established. Such interventions should be documented with more detail than minor events. Interventions that result in substantial activity near exposed product/container-closures or that last beyond a reasonable exposure time should, where appropriate, result in a local or full line clearance

Any disruption in power supply, however momentary, during aseptic processing is a manufacturing deviation and must be included in batch records (211.100, 211.192).

APPENDIX 1: ASEPTIC PROCESSING ISOLATORS

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31 An emerging aseptic processing technology uses isolation systems to minimize the extent of
32 personnel involvement and to separate the external cleanroom environment from the aseptic
33 processing line. A well designed positive pressure barrier isolator, supported by adequate
34 procedures for its maintenance, monitoring, and control, appears to offer an advantage over
35 classical aseptic processing, including fewer opportunities for microbial contamination during
36 processing. However, users should not adopt a “false sense of security” with these systems.
37 Manufacturers should be also aware of the need to establish new procedures addressing issues
38 unique to these systems.

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40 **A) Maintenance**

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42 *1. General*

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44 Isolator systems have a number of special maintenance requirements. While no isolator unit
45 forms an absolute seal, very high integrity can be achieved in a well-designed unit. However, a
46 leak in any of certain components of the system can constitute a significant breach of integrity.
47 The integrity of gloves, half-suits, seams, gaskets, and seals require daily attention and a
48 comprehensive preventative maintenance program. Replacement frequencies should be
49 established in written procedures that require changing parts before they breakdown or degrade.

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51 *2. Glove Integrity*

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53 A faulty glove or sleeve (gauntlet) assembly represents a route of contamination and a critical
54 breach of isolator integrity. The choice of durable glove materials, coupled with a well-justified
55 replacement frequency, are two aspects of good manufacturing practice that should be addressed.
56 With every use, gloves should be visually evaluated for any macroscopic physical defect.
57 Mechanical integrity tests should also be performed routinely. This attentive preventative
58 maintenance program is necessary to prevent use of gloves lacking integrity that would place the
59 sterile product at risk. When such a breach is discovered, the operation should be terminated.

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61 Due to the potential for microbial migration through microscopic holes in gloves and the lack of
62 a highly sensitive glove integrity test, the inner part of the installed glove should be sanitized
63 regularly and the operator should also wear a second pair of thin gloves.

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65 **B) Design**

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67 *1. Airflow*

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69 The design of an aseptic processing isolator normally employs unidirectional airflow that sweeps
70 over and away from exposed sterile materials, avoiding any turbulence or stagnant airflow in the
71 area of exposed sterilized materials, product, and container-closures. In most sound designs, air
72 showers over the critical zone once, and then is systematically exhausted. Air handling systems
73 should employ HEPA and/or ULPA filters in series.

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75 *2. Materials of Construction*

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377 As in any aseptic processing design, suitable materials should be chosen based on durability, as
378 well as ease of cleaning and sterilization. For example, rigid wall construction incorporating
379 stainless steel and glass materials is widely used.

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381 *3. Pressure Differential*

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383 Isolators that include an open exit portal represent a potential compromise in achieving complete
384 physical separation from the external environment. A positive air pressure differential adequate
385 to achieve this full separation should be employed and supported by qualification studies.

386 Positive air pressure differentials from the isolator to the surrounding environment have largely
387 ranged from approximately 0.07" to 0.2" water gauge. The appropriate minimum pressure
388 differential specification established by a firm will be dependent on the system's design and,
389 when applicable, its exit port. Air balance between the isolator and other direct interfaces (e.g.,
390 dry heat tunnel) should also be qualified.

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392 The positive pressure differential should be coupled with appropriate protection at the product
393 egress point(s) in order to overcome the potential for ingress of any airborne particles from the
394 external environment by induction. Induction can result from local turbulent flow causing air
395 swirls or pressure waves that can push extraneous particles into the isolator. Local Class 100
396 protection at an opening can provide a further barrier to induction of outside air into the isolator.

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398 *4. Clean Area Classifications*

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400 The interior of the isolator should, at minimum, meet Class 100 standards. The classification of
401 the environment surrounding the isolator should be based on the design of the product interfaces,
402 such as transfer ports and discharge points, as well as the number of transfers into and out of the
403 isolator. A Class 10,000 or Class 100,000 background is appropriate depending on isolator
404 design and manufacturing situations. The area surrounding the isolator should be justified. An
405 isolator should not be located in an unclassified room.

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407 **C) Transfer of Materials/Supplies**

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409 The ability to maintain integrity and sterility of an isolator is impacted by the design of transfer
410 ports. Various adaptations, of differing capabilities, allow for the transfer of supplies into and
411 out of the isolator.

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413 *1. Introduction:*

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415 Multiple material transfers are generally made during the processing of a batch.
416 Frequently, transfers are performed via direct interface with a decontaminating transfer
417 isolator or dry heat depyrogenation tunnel with balanced airflow. Such provisions, if
418 well designed, help ensure that microbiological ingress does not result from the
419 introduction of supplies. Properly operated RTPs (rapid transfer ports) are also generally
420 considered to be an effective transfer mechanism. The number of transfers should be
421 kept to a minimum because the risk of ingress of contaminants increases with each
422 successive material transfer.

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24 Some transfer ports can have significant limitations, including marginal decontaminating
25 capability (e.g., ultraviolet) or a design that would compromise isolation by allowing
26 ingress of air from the surrounding room. In the latter case, localized HEPA-filtered
27 laminar airflow cover in the area of such a port should be implemented.
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29 *2. Discharge:*

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31 Isolators often include a "mousehole" or other exit port through which product is
32 discharged, opening the isolator to the outside environment. The mousehole represents a
33 potential route of contamination. Sufficient overpressure should be supplied and
34 monitored on a continuous basis at this location to ensure that isolation is maintained.
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36 **D) Decontamination**

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38 *1. Surface Exposure*

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40 Written procedures for decontamination of the isolator should be established. The
41 decontamination process should provide full exposure of all isolator surfaces to the
42 chemical agent. For example, in order to facilitate contact with the sterilant, the glove
43 apparatus should be fully extended with glove fingers separated during the
44 decontamination cycle.
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46 *2. Efficacy*

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48 A decontamination method should be developed which renders the inner surfaces of the
49 isolator free of viable microorganisms. Decontamination can be accomplished using a
50 number of vaporized agents, although these agents possess limited capability to penetrate
51 obstructed or covered surfaces. Process development and validation studies should
52 include a thorough determination of cycle capability. The characteristics of these agents
53 generally preclude the reliable use of statistical methods (e.g., fraction negative) to
54 determine process lethality. An appropriate, quantified BI challenge should be placed on
55 various materials and in many locations throughout the isolator, including difficult to
56 reach areas. Cycles should be developed with an appropriate margin of extra kill to
57 provide confidence in robustness of the decontamination processes. For most production
58 applications, demonstration of a six-log reduction of the challenge BI is recommended.
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60 The uniform distribution of the defined concentration of decontaminating agent should
61 also be evaluated concurrent with these studies. Chemical indicators may also be useful
62 as a qualitative tool to show that the decontaminating agent reached a given location.
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64 *3. Frequency*

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66 While isolators vary widely in design, their interior and content should be designed to be
67 frequently decontaminated. If an isolator is to be used for multiple days between
68 decontamination cycles, the frequency adopted should include a built-in safety margin

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469 and be well justified. This frequency, established during validation studies, should be
470 reevaluated and increased if production data indicate any deterioration of the
471 microbiological quality of the isolator environment.

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473 A breach of isolator integrity (e.g., power failure, glove/seam tear, other air leaks, valve
474 failure, out of specification pressure) should lead to a decontamination cycle. Breaches
475 of integrity should be investigated and any product that may have been impacted by the
476 breach rejected.

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478 **E) Filling Line Sterilization**

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480 In order to ensure sterility of product contact surfaces from the start of each operation, the entire
481 path of the sterile liquid stream should be sterilized. In addition, loose materials or equipment to
482 be used within the isolator should be chosen based on their ability to withstand steam
483 sterilization (or equivalent method). It is expected that any materials that can be subjected to a
484 steam sterilization cycle will, in fact, be autoclaved.

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486 **F) Environmental Monitoring**

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488 An appropriate environmental monitoring program should be established which routinely ensures
489 acceptable microbiological quality of air, surfaces, and gloves (or half-suits) as well as
490 particulate levels, within the isolator. Air quality should be monitored periodically during each
491 shift. As an example, the exit port should be monitored for particulates to detect any unusual
492 results.

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494 **G) Personnel**

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496 While cleanroom apparel requirements are generally reduced, the contribution of human factor to
497 contamination should not be overlooked. Isolation processes generally include periodic or even
498 frequent use of one or more gloves for aseptic manipulations and handling of component
499 transfers into and out of the isolator. Contaminated gloves can lead to product non-sterility.
500 This concern is heightened because locations on gloves, sleeves, or half suits can be among the
501 more difficult to reach places during surface sterilization. Meticulous aseptic technique
502 standards must be observed (211.113).

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504 **APPENDIX 2: BLOW-FILL- SEAL TECHNOLOGY**

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506 Blow-fill-seal (BFS) technology is an automated process by which containers are formed, filled,
507 and sealed in a continuous operation. This manufacturing technology includes economies in
508 container-closure processing and reduced human intervention, and is often used for filling and
509 packaging of ophthalmics and, less frequently, for injectables. This section discusses some of
510 the critical control points of this technology. Except where otherwise noted below, the aseptic
511 processing standards discussed elsewhere in this document should be applied to Blow Fill Seal
512 technology.

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14 **A) Equipment Design and Air Quality**

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16 A BFS machine operates by 1) heating a plastic polymer resin; 2) extruding it to form a parison
17 (a tubular form of the hot resin); 3) cutting the parison with a high temperature knife; 4) moving
18 the parison under the blow-fill needle (mandrel); 5) inflating it to the shape of the mold walls; 5)
19 filling the formed container with the liquid product; 6) removing the mandrel; 7) sealing.

20 Throughout this operation sterile-air is used, for example, to form the parison and inflate it prior
21 to filling. In most operations, the three steps which pose greatest potential for exposure to
22 particle contamination and/or surrounding air are those in which: the parison is cut; the parison is
23 moved under the blow-fill mandrel; and the mandrel is removed (just prior to sealing).

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25 BFS machinery and its surrounding barriers should be designed to prevent potential for
26 extraneous contamination. As with any aseptic processing operation, it is critical that contact
27 surfaces be sterile. A validated steam-in-place cycle should be used to sterilize the equipment
28 path through which the product is conveyed. In addition, any other surface (e.g., above or
29 nearby) that has potential to contaminate the sterile product needs to be sterile.

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31 The classified environment surrounding BFS machinery should generally meet Class 10,000
32 standards, but special design provisions (e.g., isolation technology) can justify an alternate
33 classification. HEPA-filtered or sterile air provided by membrane filters is necessary in the
34 critical zone in which sterile product or materials are exposed (e.g., parison formation, container
35 molding/filling steps). Air in the critical zone should meet Class 100 microbiological standards.
36 A well-designed BFS system should also normally achieve Class 100 particulate levels.

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38 Equipment design should incorporate specialized measures to reduce particulate levels. In
39 contrast to non-pharmaceutical applications using BFS machinery, control of air quality (i.e.,
40 particulates) is critical for sterile drug product manufacture. Particles generated during the
41 plastic extrusion, cutting, and sealing processes provide a potential means of transport for
42 microorganisms into open containers prior to sealing. Provisions for carefully controlled airflow
43 could protect the product by forcing generated particles outward while preventing any ingress
44 from the adjacent environment. Furthermore, designs separating the filling zone from the
45 surrounding environment are important in ensuring product protection. Barriers, pressure
46 vacuums, microenvironments, and appropriately directed high velocities of sterile air have been
47 found useful in preventing contamination (Ref. 13). Smoke studies and multi-location
48 particulate data are vital when performing qualification studies to assess whether proper
49 particulate control dynamics have been achieved throughout the critical area.

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51 In addition to suitable design, an adequate preventative maintenance program should be
52 established. For example, because of its potential to contaminate the sterile drug product, the
53 integrity of the boiling system (e.g., mold plates, gaskets) should be carefully monitored and
54 maintained.

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56 **B) Validation/Qualification**

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58 Advantages of BFS processing are known to include rapid container/closure processing and
59 minimized interventions. However, a properly functioning process is necessary to realize these

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560 advantages. Equipment qualification/requalification and personnel practices should be given
561 special attention. Equipment sterilization, media fills, polymer sterilization, endotoxin removal,
562 product-plastic compatibility, forming/sealing integrity, and unit weight variation are among the
563 key issues that should be covered by validation/qualification studies.

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565 Appropriate data should ensure that BFS containers are sterile and non-pyrogenic. This can
566 generally be achieved by validating that time-temperature conditions of the extrusion process
567 destroy the worst-case endotoxin load on the polymeric material.

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569 The plastic polymer material chosen should be pharmaceutical grade, safe, pure, and pass USP
570 criteria for plastics. Polymer suppliers should be qualified and monitored for raw material
571 quality.

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573 **C) Batch Monitoring and Control**

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575 In-process monitoring should include various control parameters (e.g., container weight
576 variation, fill weight, leakers, air pressure, etc.) to ensure ongoing process control.
577 Environmental monitoring is particularly important. Samples should be taken during each shift
578 at specified locations under dynamic conditions. Due to the generation of high levels of particles
579 near the exposed drug product, continuous monitoring of particles can provide valuable data
580 relative to the control of a blow-fill-seal operation.

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582 Container-closure defects can be a major problem in control of a BFS operation. It is necessary
583 for the operation to be designed and set-up to uniformly manufacture leak-proof units. As a final
584 measure, inspection of each unit of a batch should employ a reliable, sensitive final product
585 examination capable of detecting a defective unit (e.g., "leakers"). Significant defects due to
586 heat or mechanical problems, such as mold thickness, container/closure interface deficiencies,
587 poorly formed closure, or other deviations should be investigated in accord with Sections
588 211.100 and 211.192.

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590 **APPENDIX 3: PROCESSING PRIOR TO FILLING/SEALING OPERATIONS**

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592 The purpose of this appendix is to supplement the guidance provided in this document with
593 information on products regulated by CBER or CDER that are subject to aseptic processing from
594 early in the manufacturing process, or that require aseptic processing through the entire
595 manufacturing process, due to their inability to be sterilized. The scope of this appendix includes
596 aseptic processing activities that take place prior to the filling and sealing of the finished drug
597 product. Special considerations include those for:

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599 **A) Aseptic processing from early manufacturing steps**

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601 Due to their nature, some products undergo aseptic processing at some or all manufacturing steps
602 preceding the final product closing step. There is a point in the process after which a product can
603 no longer be rendered sterile by filtration, and the product is handled aseptically in all subsequent
604 steps. Some products are formulated aseptically because the formulated product cannot be

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sterilized by filtration. For example, products containing aluminum adjuvant are formulated aseptically because once they are alum adsorbed, they cannot be sterile filtered.

When a product is processed aseptically from early steps, the product and all components or other additions are rendered sterile prior to entering the manufacturing process. It is critical that all transfers, transports, and storage stages are carefully controlled at each step of the process to maintain sterility of the product.

Procedures that expose the product or product contact equipment surfaces to the environment, such as aseptic connections, should be performed under unidirectional airflow in a Class 100 environment. The environment of the room surrounding the Class 100 environment should be class 10,000 or better. Microbiological and particulate monitoring should be performed during operations. Microbial surface monitoring should be performed at the end of operations, but prior to cleaning. Personnel monitoring should be performed in association with operations.

Process simulation studies should be designed to incorporate all conditions, product manipulations, and interventions that could impact on the sterility of the product during manufacturing. The process simulation, from early process steps, should demonstrate that controls over the process are adequate to protect the product during manufacturing. These studies should incorporate all product manipulations, additions, and procedures involving exposure of product contact surfaces to the environment. The studies should include worst-case conditions such as maximum duration of open operations and maximum number of participating operators. However, process simulations do not need to mimic total manufacturing time if the manipulations that occur during manufacturing are adequately represented.

It is also important that process simulations incorporate storage of product or transport to other manufacturing areas. For instance, there should be assurance of bulk vessel integrity for specified holding times. The transport of bulk tanks or other containers should be simulated as part of the media fill. Please refer to Section IX.A for more guidance on media simulation studies. Process simulation studies for the formulation stage should be performed at least twice per year.

B) Aseptic processing of cell-based therapy products (or of products intended for use as cell based therapies)

Cell-based therapy products represent a subset of the products for which aseptic manipulations are used throughout the process. Where possible, closed systems should be used during production. Cell-based therapy products often have short processing times at each manufacturing stage, even for the final product. Often, it is appropriate for these products to be administered to patients before final product sterility testing results are available. In situations where results of final sterility testing are not available before the product is administered, additional controls and testing should be considered. For example, additional sterility tests can be performed at intermediate stages of manufacture, especially after the last manipulation of the product prior to administration. Other tests that may indicate microbial contamination, such as microscopic examination, gram stains, and endotoxin testing should be performed prior to product release.

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Some relevant FDA guidances include:

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DRAFT GLOSSARY

Air lock- A small room with interlocked doors, constructed to maintain air pressure control between adjoining rooms (generally with different air cleanliness standards). The intent of an aseptic processing airlock is to preclude ingress of particulate matter and microorganism contamination from a lesser controlled area.

Alert Limit- An established microbial or particulate level giving early warning of potential drift from normal operating conditions and which trigger appropriate scrutiny and follow-up to address the potential problem. Alert Limits are always lower than Action Limits.

Action Limit- An established microbial or particulate level which when exceeded should trigger appropriate investigation and corrective action based on the investigation.

Aseptic Processing Facility- Building containing cleanrooms in which air supply, materials, and equipment are regulated to control microbial and particulate contamination.

Aseptic Processing Room- A room in which one or more aseptic activities or processes is performed.

Asepsis- State of control attained by using an aseptic work area and performing activities in a manner that precludes microbiological contamination of the exposed sterile product.

Bioburden- Total number of microorganisms associated with a specific item prior to sterilization.

Barrier- Physical partition that affords aseptic manufacturing zone protection by partially separating it from the surrounding area.

Biological Indicator (BI)- A population of microorganisms inoculated onto a suitable medium (e.g., solution, container/closure) and placed within appropriate sterilizer load locations to determine the sterilization cycle efficacy of a physical or chemical process. The challenge microorganism is selected based upon its resistance to the given process. Incoming lot D-value and microbiological count define the quality of the BI.

Clean Area- An area with defined particulate and microbiological cleanliness standards (e.g., Class 100, Class 10,000 or Class 100,000).

Cleanroom- A room designed, maintained, and controlled to prevent particulate and microbiological contamination of drug products. Such a room is assigned and reproducibly meets an appropriate air cleanliness classification.

Clean Zone- See Clean Area.

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44 Component- Any ingredient intended for use in the manufacture of a drug product, including
45 those that may not appear in the final drug product.
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47 Colony Forming Unit (CFU)- A microbiological term which describes the formation of a single
48 macroscopic colony after the introduction of one (or more) microorganism(s) to microbiological
49 growth media. One colony forming unit is expressed as 1 CFU.
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51 Critical areas - Areas designed to maintain sterility of sterile materials. Sterilized product,
52 container/closures, and equipment may be exposed in critical areas.
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54 Critical surfaces - Surfaces which may come into contact with or directly impact on sterilized
55 product or containers/closures. Critical surfaces are rendered sterile prior to the start of the
56 manufacturing operation and sterility is maintained throughout processing.
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58 Decontamination- A process which eliminates viable bioburden via use of sporicidal chemical
59 agents.
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61 Depyrogenation- A process used to destroy or remove pyrogens (e.g., endotoxin).
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63 D value - The time (in minutes) of exposure to a given temperature that causes a one-log or 90%
64 reduction in the population of a specific microorganism.
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66 Dynamic- Conditions relating to clean area classification under conditions of normal production.
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68 Endotoxin- A pyrogenic product (e.g., lipopolysaccharide) present in the bacterial cell wall.
69 Endotoxin can lead to reactions in patients receiving injections ranging from fever to death.
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71 Gowning Qualification- Program which establishes, both initially and on a periodic basis, the
72 capability of an individual to don the complete sterile gown in an aseptic manner.
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74 HEPA filter- High Efficiency Particulate Air filter with minimum 0.3 micron particle retaining
75 efficiency of 99.97%.
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77 HVAC- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning.
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79 Intervention- An aseptic manipulation or activity that occurs at the critical zone.
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81 Isolator - A decontaminated unit, supplied with HEPA or ULPA filtered air, which provides
82 uncompromised, continuous isolation of its interior from the external environment (e.g.,
83 surrounding clean room air and personnel).
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85 Laminarity- Unidirectional air flow at a velocity sufficient to uniformly sweep particulate matter
86 away from a critical processing or testing area.
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88 Operator- Any individual participating in the aseptic processing operation, including line set-up,
89 filler, maintenance, or other personnel associated with aseptic line activities.

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791 Overkill sterilization process - A process that is sufficient to provide at least a 12 log reduction
792 of microorganisms having a minimum D value of 1 minute.
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- 794 Pyrogen- Substance which induces a febrile reaction in a patient.
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- 796 Sterilizing grade filter- A filter which, when appropriately validated, will remove all
797 microorganisms from a fluid stream, producing a sterile effluent.
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- 799 Terminal sterilization- The application of a lethal agent to sealed, finished drug products for the
800 purpose of achieving a predetermined sterility assurance level (SAL) of usually less than 10^{-6}
801 (i.e., a probability of a non-sterile unit of greater than one in a million).
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- 803 ULPA filter- Ultra-Low Penetration Air filter with minimum 0.3 micron particle retaining
804 efficiency of 99.999 %.
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- 806 Validation- Establishing documented evidence which provides a high degree of assurance that a
807 specific process will consistently produce a product meeting its predetermined specifications and
808 quality attributes.
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- 810 Worst case- A set of conditions encompassing upper and lower processing limits and
811 circumstances, including those within standard operating procedures, which pose the greatest
812 chance of process or product failure (when compared to ideal conditions). Such conditions do
813 not necessarily induce product or process failure.

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培地充てん試験法の許容値と充てん本数および製品品質保証レベル

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1.原則 (前提条件)

1-1GMPの原則とは何か

GMP三原則

- (1) Keep it clean. (清潔が第一)
- (2) Check and double check. (確認は、念には念を)
- (3) Write it down - keep good record.
(書くことから、記録は始まる) (c-GMP草案)

GMPの根拠となる品質保証の概念

- (1) 品質、有効性、安全性を設計し、製品に作り込まなければならない。
- (2) 最終製品を試験検査するだけでは、品質を保証することは出来ない。
- (3) 製造工程を各段階毎に管理し、目的とする品質を有する最終製品が製造出来る見込みを得ることを検証しなければならない。(C-GMP)

三原則を実現するための工夫

(1) Keep it clean. (清潔が第一) とはどのようなことか？

- 微生物汚染のない清潔な環境で医薬品を製造する。
- 5S (整理・整頓・清掃・清潔・躰) を実行する。
- 作業を行う前に実技と知識について、教育訓練を行う必要がある。
- 内容医薬品が環境に暴露されている作業は、清浄な環境で行う。
- 他の原料・医薬品と交叉汚染や混同のない環境で医薬品を製造する。
- 洗浄しやすい設備が最も望ましい。洗浄しにくいといい加減になる。
- 汚染されたものをそのまま放置すると後でまずいことが起きる。

(2) Check and double check. (確認は、念には念を) とは何か？

- 製造作業を秤量、調製、充てん閉そく、包装表示に区分する。
- 人は同時に2つのことを行うと何時か必ずミスをする。
- 人の記憶は時間の経過とともにあやふやになる。 * (3) と共通
- 指示事項からの逸脱があれば、原因を調査し、記録を残す。
- 作業で、何かまずい事が起こったら、必ず責任者に報告する。
- 医薬品の品質保証を確実にを行うために、品質ユニット
(品質保証部門) の照査が必要である。
- 医薬品の品質に重大な影響を及ぼす要因については、Zero Defect
(6σ:6シグマ) 管理を行う。
- 設備・計測器を定期的に点検しないと品質保証面で事故が起きる。

(3) Write it down - keep good record.

(書くことから、記録は始まる) とは何か？

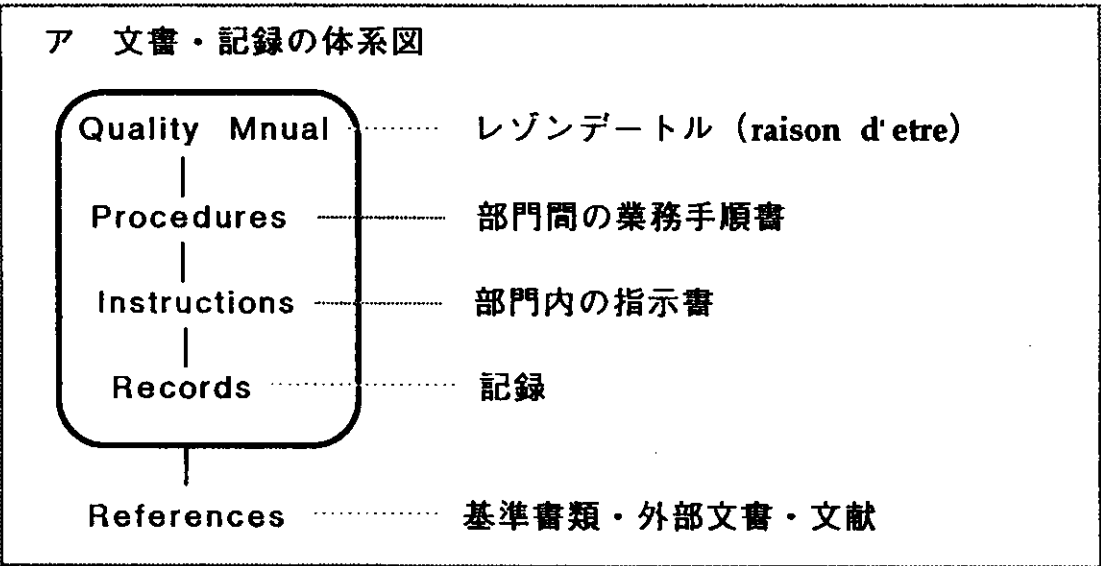
- 過去の事故例を教訓として、同じ過ちを繰り返さないように管理基準を設けルール化しておく。
- ロット番号は、カルテに記載されるので、使用した原料と製造記録、試験記録及び工程管理記録を調査出来るように確実に保存する。
- GXP基準 (ICH) を遵守し、定められた通りの手順で作業を行い、その結果を確実に記録する。(説明責任: PL/FOI)

- GMPの根拠となる品質保証の概念とは何か？
- 開発段階で約束したと同じ品質の医薬品を製造する。
(コンプライアンス；法令の遵守)
 - 技術検討・設備検討とバリデーションは別のプログラムで実施する。
 - 設備の適格性の確認後、プロセスバリデーションを実施する。
 - バリデーションは、製造工程、製造を支援するシステム、洗浄等の作業に区分して実施する。
 - 設備・作業条件を変更する場合、品質が変わらないことをあらゆる角度で確認する。

1-2 GMP上実施すべきことの明確化

- 最低限必要な事項は何か？
- 1) 交叉汚染の管理
 - 2) 設備・計測機器の管理
 - 3) 品質試験管理
 - 4) 変更時の記録
 - 5) 文書化（情報と記録の管理）
 - 6) ロットの承認
- (ICH-APIGMP：I-GMP)

1-3文書化 ----- SOPの作成手順



留意点：組織の大きさにより、いくつかの手順書体系が必要となる。
 例えば、GXP基準（GLP、GCP、GMP、GPMSP）毎に作成する。
 記録は、様式（テンプレート）を作成する。
 実例（モック）を作成する。
 Q&Aを作成する。

イ GMPにおける文書・記録の分類例	
1.区分 生産管理 (Production) 、品質管理 (Quality control) 、 品質管理(Quality Management、Quality Assurance)	
2.文書名	
Quality Mnual Procedures	GMP品質マニュアル 製品標準書 (原薬、製剤の品目毎に作成する) 製造管理基準書 (原薬、製剤の製造場所毎に作成する) 製造衛生管理基準書 (作業内容毎に作成する) 品質管理基準書 (製造所毎に作成する) バリデーション、苦情処理、回収処理、自己点検、 教育訓練、変更管理、出荷判定 (企業毎に作成する)
Instructions	マスター製造指図書 作業指導書 (設備の取り扱い方、薬品の取り扱い方)
Records	
Documentation	報告書 変更管理報告書、自己点検報告書、 教育訓練報告書、逸脱管理報告書
Statement	設定理由書 標準的仕込み量
Raw data	試験法の真度、精度、サンプリング法の根拠 生データ 設備の定期点検記録、原料の出納記録、 ロット製造記録、安定性試験記録
Complete record	(試験検体のサンプリングから試験実施結果を 得るまでの全ての記録) 機器のチャート、サンプリング記録、検体受け 渡し記録、試験実施時のデータシート、 試験機器点検・校正の記録、 標準品・試液試薬の記録、

- 註：1) 全ての業務の開始に先だって事前に作成することが不可欠な文書
Quality Mnual、 Procedures
- 2) 経緯、目的、検討内容と結果、考察、結論について詳細な記載が必要な文書
Documentation
- 3) 設定理由が必要とされている文書
Statement