

# Sterilization and Disinfection



## \* Terms :

### 1 Sterilization:

- Destruction of **All** microbes (Bacteria, virus, prions, spores)
- **100% Killing.**
- Ex: surgical instruments, parenteral fluid.

### 2 Commercial Sterilization:

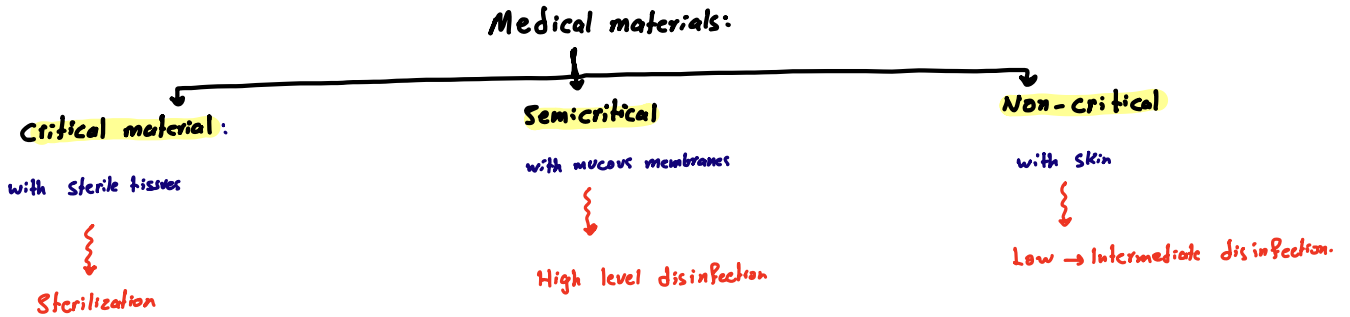
- Limited Kill / Heat treatment
- Target **specific pathogen.**
- Ex: Canned food
- Target: clostridium Botulinum spores

### 3 Disinfection:

- Destruction on **inanimate objects / Non-living.**
- 3 Levels:
  - 1 High-Level: Kill **ALL** microbes (including spores)
  - 2 Intermediate: Kill **viruses, Fungi, Mycobacteria**
  - 3 Low-level: Kill wide range but **Not spores & TB Bacteria (Mycobacteria)**

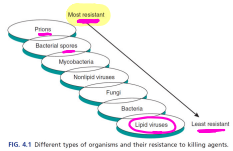
### 4 Anti sepsis:

- Destruction on: **living objects** → Ex: wound cleansing, preoperative skin preparation, surgical Hand scrub.



## \* Factors that influence the degree of Killing:

### 1 Types of organisms:



### 2 Number of organisms:

↑ # of organism  $\propto$  ↑ time of exposure to killing agent

### 3 Concentration of Disinfecting agent

at proper concentration. Ex: Alcohol 70%

### 4 Presence of organic material:



### 5 Nature of surface to be disinfected.

### 6 Contact Time:

↑ contact time → ↑ Killing. (Alcohol = 15 min)

### 7 Temperature:



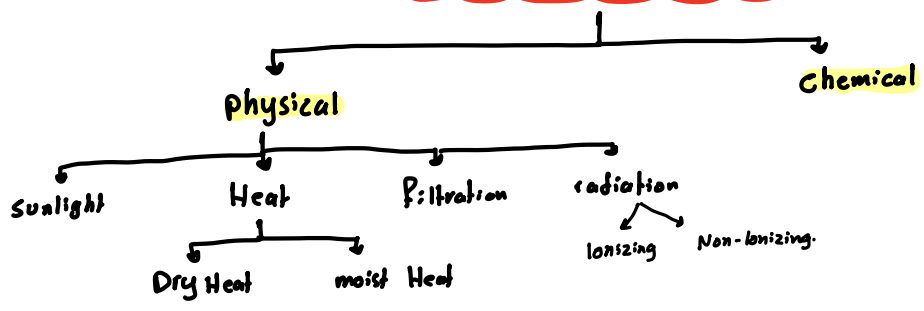
### 8 pH:

### 9 Biofilm:



### 10 compatibility of Disinfectants:

# \* Methods of Sterilization



## 1 Dry Heating:

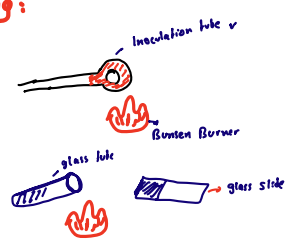
- Red Heat:

- Flaming:

- Incineration:

For Clinical/medical waste + Animal carcasses  
at high pressure & Temp (1500°)

- Hot air oven



## 2 Moist Heating:

- more effective
- MoA: protein coagulation

- Forms:

### A < 100°C

\* Pasteurization:

- Holder method: 63°C For 30 min
- Flash Method: 72°C For 15 min
- ↓ cooling
- 13°C

Don't Kill spores

\* Vaccine Bath:

- vaccine in water bath at 60°C For 1 hour
- Don't Kill spores

### B at 100°C:

\* Boiling:

- 100°C For 10 min
- Don't Kill spores

\* Tyndallization:

- 100°C For 20 min on 3 days
- Kill spores

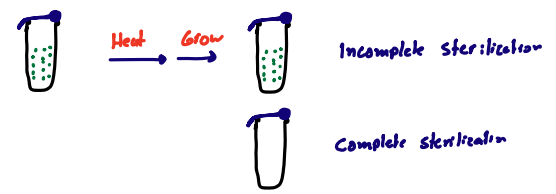
### C Above 100°C:

\* Autoclave:

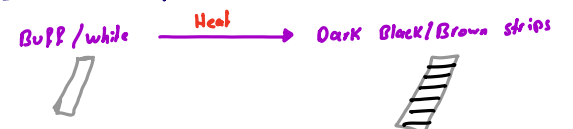
- 120° For 15 min & 1 atm → Kill spores
- 135° C For 1 hour & 2 atm → Kill prions

Method of choice for Heat stable object.

## 4 Biological/spore Indicator:



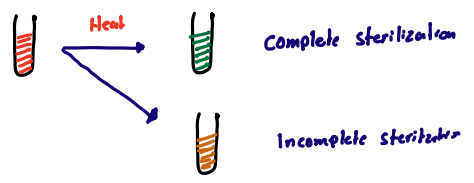
## 5 Bowie Dick Tap



## \* How to test efficiency of Autoclave?:

- 1 Thermometer
- 2 Barometer

3 Brownie tube:



### 3 Filtration:

#### \* Liquid Filtration:



For: Vitamin, AB, Vaccines, Serum.

#### • Pore size of:

- 0.45 and 0.80  $\mu\text{m}$ : most bacteria, yeasts, and molds
- 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$ : for critical sterilizing, e.g. parenteral solutio
- 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$ : for retaining small viruses

\* Air Filters: (HEPA: high efficiency particulate air)



More than 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$

### 4 Radiation:

#### Ionizing

Gamma rays, electron beam

#### Non-Ionizing:

ultraviolet (UV) (280-200nm)

Type:

Characteristics:

Short wavelength  
high energy  
high penetration

Long wavelength  
Low energy  
Limited penetration

used for:

Disposable medical materials that is Heat Sensitive  
(Syringes, gloves)

Smooth surfaces  
air borne pathogen

### 5 Chemicals:

#### Alcohol:

- ? Protein Denaturation
- 70% concentration?  
we need water for denaturation
- Don't Kill spores.
- If contaminated with spores?  
use .22  $\mu\text{m}$  filter.

#### Aldehyde

#### Halogens:

##### Iodine

Tincture  
(Alcohol + I)

Povidone  
iodine  
(I + surfactants)

##### Phenols:

Don't Kill spores.

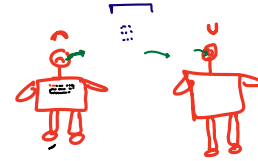
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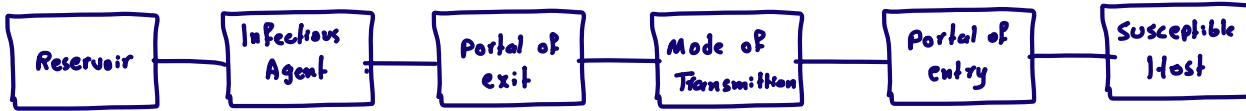
# 9 \* Infection control:

Discipline concerned with **prevent Nosocomial/ Healthcare Associated Infection**  
**control spread of Infection**

- Patient → Patient
- Patient → Staff
- Staff → Patient
- Staff → Staff



## \* Chain of Infection:



## Methods of Infection control

### Standard precautions:

- For All patient.
- Basic level of Infection prevention & Control.
- Mainly: Blood Borne viruses.

### Transmission Based precautions

- To prevent Transmission of Specific Infection

### 3 types:

- 1 Contact precautions.
- 2 Droplet precautions.
- 3 Air Borne precautions.



**3 types:**

- ① Hand washing: visible soiled Hand
- ② Alcohol Gel/rubs: Hands not visibly soiled
- ③ surgical Hand scrub: 5 min → First wash  
2-3 min → Btw operations

**when? 5 moments**

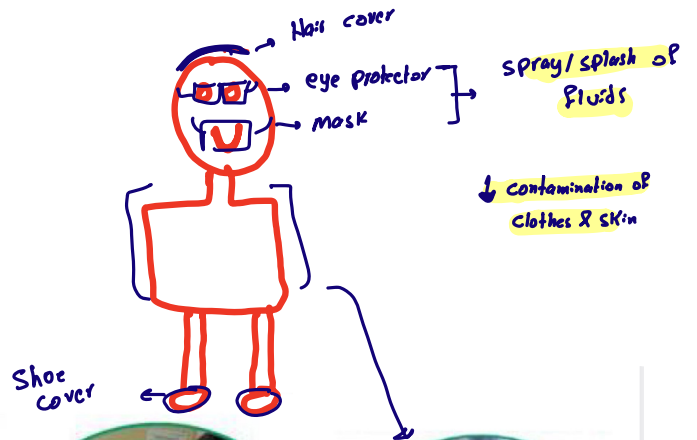
**2 Before:**

- Touching a patient
- Clean / Aseptic Procedures

**3 after:**

- Touching a patient
- Body Fluid exposure
- Touching patient surrounding

**PPE**



Hand hygiene



Use of gloves



Personal protective equipment



Use of gowns/apron



Safe handling of sharps



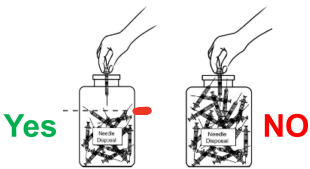
Safe handling of waste



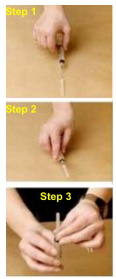
Environmental cleaning



Safe handling of soiled linen



Sharp container should not exceed  $\frac{2}{3}$  of its capacity.



One Hand technique

**if needle injury occurs?**

- 1. Hold under running water
- 2. Do not squeeze.
- 3. wash the affected area
- 4. report
- 5. follow up, post exposure prophylaxis.

# \* Transmission Based precautions:



## Contact precautions:

To prevent Transmission of Infection by Direct or Indirect contact

Patient Placement

Single patient room  
 ↓ X  
 Cohort patients (same characteristics)  
 ↓ X  
 Ex. Infected with non Infected  
 X Immunocompromised  
 Physical separation  
 Hygiene.

## Droplet precautions

> 5 μm  
 2 meter

Same

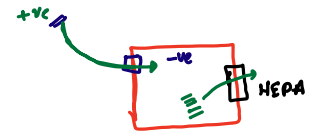
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## Airborne precautions

< 5 μm  
 long Distances

### AIIR:

(Air Born Infection Isolation room)  
 Single room with (X) ✓  
 -ve pressure.



Patient Transport:

- Limit Transport  
 - cover / contain Infected area

- Limit Transport  
 - wear A mask.

Examples:

Enteric Infection → C. difficile  
 Skin Infection → varicella zoster & Impetigo  
 Resistant Bacteria → MRSA, VRE  
 Incontinent Patient → E. coli, Shigella ✓  
 HepA, rota virus ✓

✓ Bordetella pertussis  
 ✓ Influenza virus  
 ✓ Adenovirus, rhinovirus  
 ✓ N. Meningitidis  
 ✓ GAS

Should Use:

Gloves / Gowns.

Surgical mask

N.95 respirator

## Spill management of mercury:

→ Never vacuum it ✗

## Airborne transmitted diseases

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Chickenpox rash



