



## Sterile Compounding: Findings and Lessons Learned



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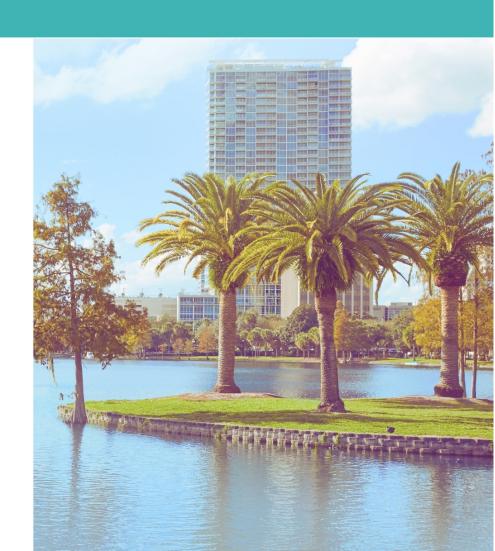
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# **Learning Objectives**



- 1. Understand the importance of evaluating current USP standards to ensure a sterile environment is maintained.
- Describe the implementation of a collaborative multidisciplinary approach through the development of education, training, competency, and compliance monitoring.
- 3. Develop a systematic way of ensuring environmental quality standards are met.



\*FY 2022

#### Revenue



**Patient Encounters** 





A hospital licensed for **582 beds** and **25+ clinics** across Tarrant County



A Level I Trauma Center and psychiatry emergency center



19 residencies and fellowships with the largest hospital-based family medicine residency program in the nation



A Level III Neonatal and Level IV Maternal Facility for exceptional women and infants services



Designated by ANCC as a Pathway to Excellence® organization



Certified in stroke, heart attack, sepsis, and delirium care

115 volunteers served 9,000+ patients (4,600+ hours total)



JPS Health Network
Fort Worth, Texas

578,710 Community Health Visits

176,243 Hospital Patient Days

125,812 Total Emergency Visits

39,973 Urgent Care Visits

26,188 Geriatric Patients

18,617 Psych Emergency Visits

14,417 Total Surgeries

4,093 Babies Born

206 Languages Translated

## Introduction

### What is sterile compounding?

• <u>Definition:</u> The preparation of medication, in an environment free from potentially

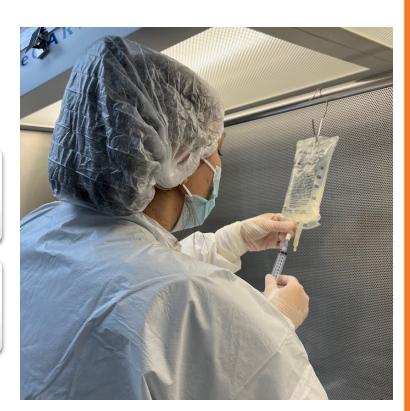
infectious microorganisms

What is the importance?

Preventing Contamination

Intrinsic

Extrinsic

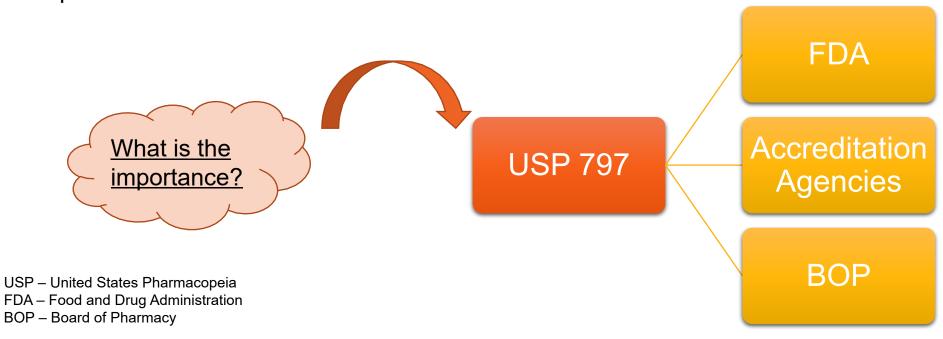




# United States Pharmacopeia (USP) 797

#### **General Overview**

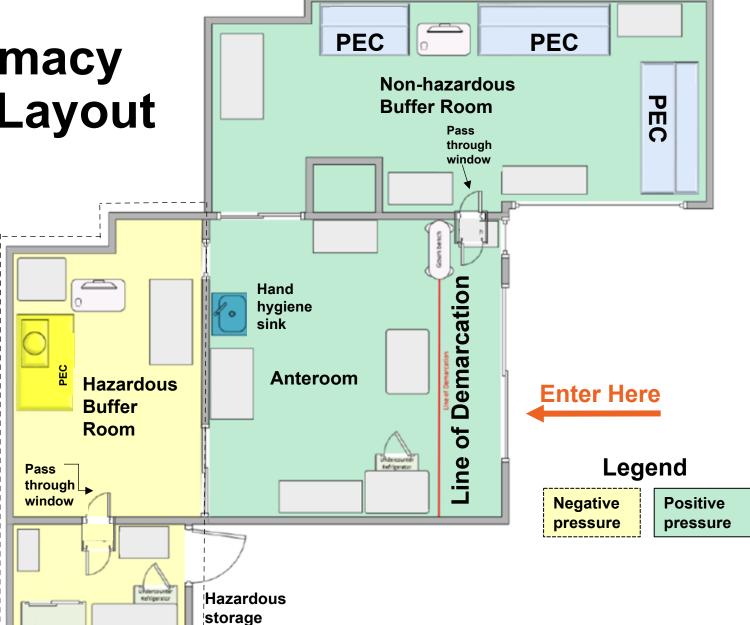
<u>Definition:</u> USP 797 is utilized to describe conditions and practices that prevent harm to patients that could result from contamination.











\*PEC – Primary Engineering Control



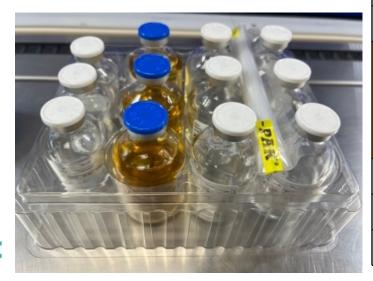


# **Key Components**

#### **Requirements for Personnel and Environment**

### Required for Personnel

- Audio/video and professional training
- Didactic test
- Gloved fingertip
- Media fill



### Environmental sampling requirements

ISO Class	Air Sample (cfu/m3)				
5	> 1				
7	> 10				
8	> 100				
ISO	Eingortin	Surface			
Class	Fingertip Sample	Sample (cfu/plate)			
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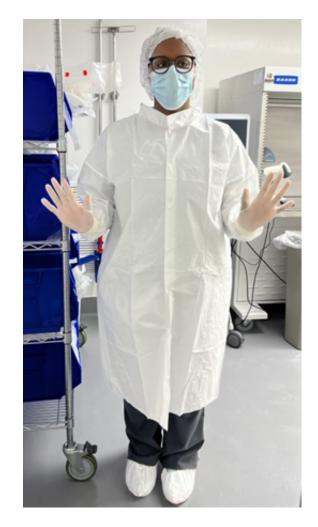


## **Key Components**

### **PPE and Cleaning Requirements**

- Required PPE
- Cleaning requirements

Site	Minimum Frequency
Counter and easily cleanable work surfaces	Daily
Floors	Daily
Walls	Monthly
Ceilings	Monthly
Storage shelving	Monthly







## Garbing process Non-Hazardous Buffer Room

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1



- A. Personal outer garments
- B. Cosmetics and jewelry
- C. Nails
- D. Shoe covers, head and facial hair covers, and face masks/eye protection

2



- E. Hand hygiene
- F. Nail cleaner
- G. Lint free disposable towel

3



H. Non-shedding gown

4



- I. Alcohol-based hand rub
- J. Sterile gloves

#### **Infection Prevention**

#### Finding

- Items failed to be disinfected.
- A pharmacist stayed behind the **line of demarcation** and opened the door of the buffer area **ungloved** to send medication labels into the room.
- The team member **donned shoe covers** on the "dirty" side of the anteroom.
- One sample was cultured over 72 hours and on another record, a different sample was cultured over 4 days. The team was not certain, at what **temperature the surface sample is cultured** in the laboratory department.





#### **Infection Control**

#### Finding

- The viable sample was listed as "unquantifiable" and reported as "spready bacillus." It was stated that there were **potential contaminants in the testing process**. The negative controls demonstrated "no growth."
- 6 Staff unable to speak to **Contact time** was for disinfectants and sporicidal agents.
- 7 Single-use sterile alcohol wipe across multiple ports/vial tops.
- 8 Dust and debris was found on the floors. Staff could not speak to daily floor cleaning and disinfection.





### **Medication Management**

	Finding
1	In the sterile preparation area, <b>medications</b> were <b>stored on the ledge</b> adjacent to the wall of the buffer room.
2	In the negative pressure buffer room the temperature of the space was 19.7 C. A review of the medication stored demonstrated that Abraxane should be store 20-25C.
3	In the primary engineering control, a large volume bag of <b>sterile water</b> , used for medication reconstitution, was found with a <b>24-hour expiration</b> date.
4	A review of the Master Formulation Record for "NICU Hydrocortisone 1 mg/mL IV Syringe" demonstrated an assigned beyond use date of 7 days at room temperature.





### **Medication Management**

### **Finding**

- Team member preparing the medication **did not disinfect** the ports prior to entry.
- Team member placed hands in a manner that **blocks first air to critical points** in the vertical biologic safety cabinets.
- Team member did not know the **distance** within the primary engineering control items must be placed.
- The **team member did not know** how to assess **compounding risk** associated with sterile compounding: low, medium, and high.





## **Audience Question**



### Type in the chat box or Discuss with your neighbor:

Based on the listed mock survey findings, what would be your first step to decrease the risk of an accreditation citing?



### 6 key components



EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS



MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS



ESTABLISHED WORKGROUP



**ELECTRONIC FILES** 



NEW CERTIFICATION COMPANY



TRACER DEVELOPMENT





**External Consultants** 



Fresh set of eyes



Check list of high priority areas



Accountability



Shared priority with executive leaders





**Multidisciplinary team** 

Pharmacy Leadership

C-Suite

Infection Prevention

**Facilities** 

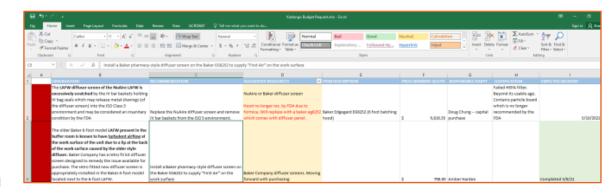
Environmental Services

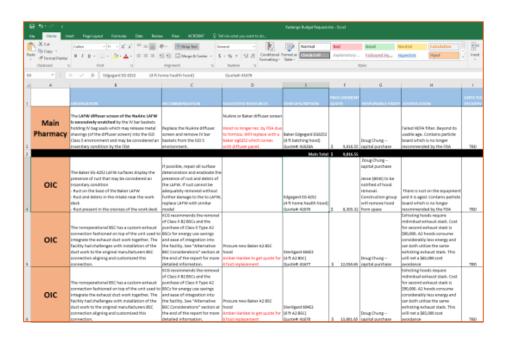




### **Established Workgroup**

- Twice weekly meetings
- Action Plans
  - Personnel Training & Evaluation
  - Engineering Controls
  - Hazardous Drugs
  - Environmental Quality & Control
- Tech leads
- Construction Team

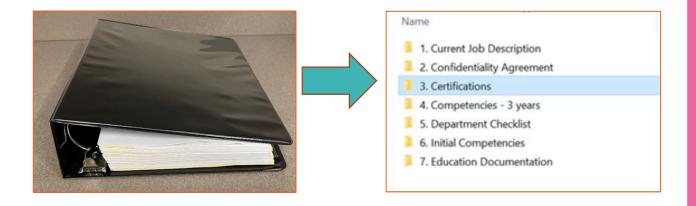






#### **Electronic Files**

- 15 FT/3PT/2PRN tech positions
- Difficult to keep up-to-date
- Shared folder with standard formatting
- Certifications
- Initial Competencies
- 3 years



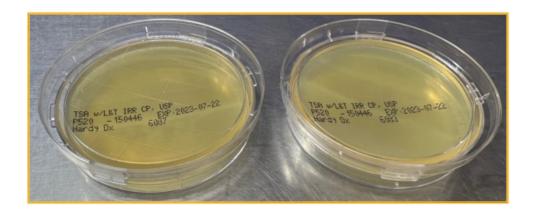




### **Certification Company**

#### **Old Company**

- Gaps in reports
- Difficult to navigate
- Lack of urgency



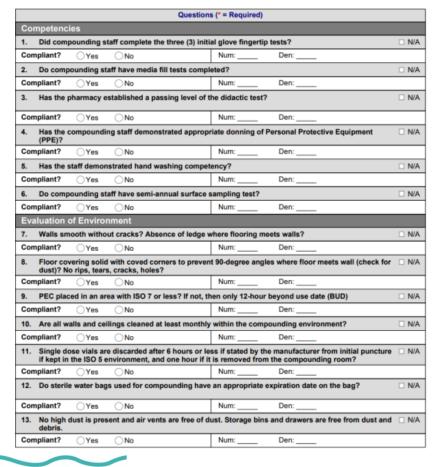
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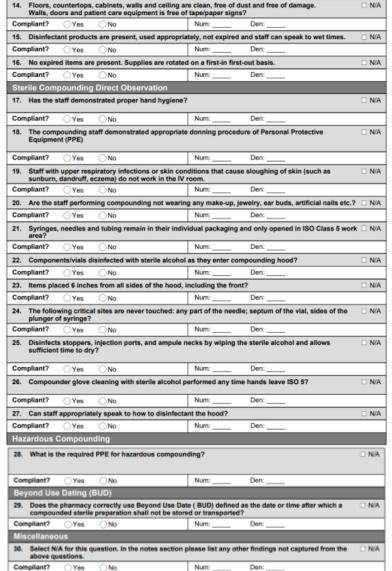
- Appropriately trained staff (NSF/ANSI 49 N-5 Field Certification)
- Surface Sampling kits
- Comprehensive reporting
- Dedicated field technician and customer service rep





#### **Tracer implementation**

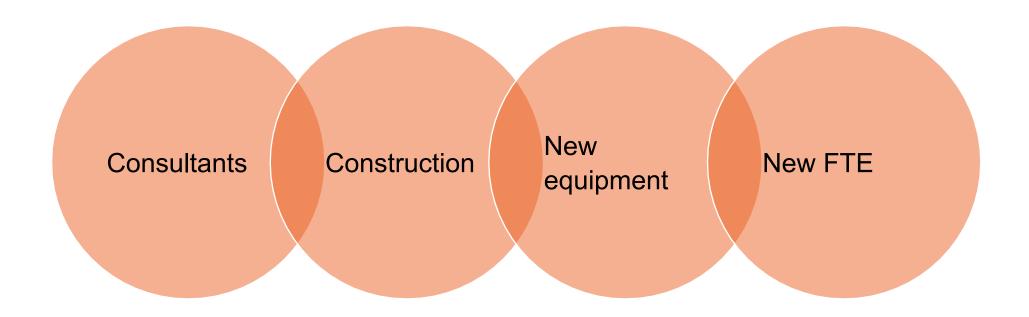






# Challenges

#### Resources



## Successes

#### **Results of methods**

Zero accreditation survey findings 2021

## Education and training

- More frequent training and testing
- Annual to semi-annual testing

## FTE – Sterile Compounding Coordinator

Organizational Structure

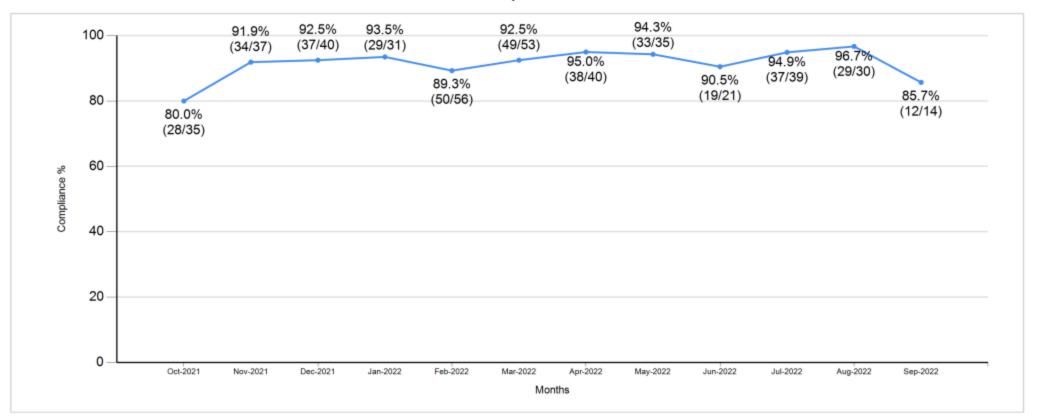




# Sustainability

### **Infection Prevention Compliance Monitoring**

Total Compliance: 91.6%



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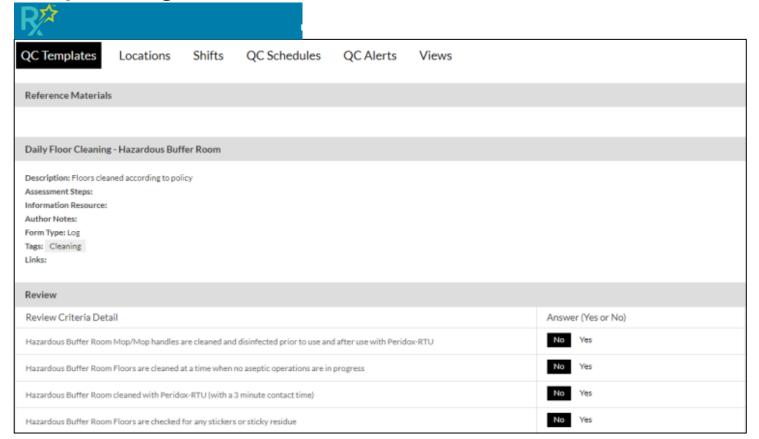
Question	Total Num	Total Den	Overall Comp %	
Floors, countertops, cabinets, walls and ceiling are clean, free of dust and free of damage. Walls, doors and patient care equipment is free of tape/paper signs?	3	10	30%	30% 70%
No high dust is present and air vents are free of dust. Storage bins and drawers are free from dust and debris.	7	11	64%	64%
Compounder glove cleaning with sterile alcohol performed any time hands leave ISO 5?	7	9	78%	78%
Disinfectant products are present, used appropriately, not expired and staff can speak to wet times.	9	11	82%	82%
Walls smooth without cracks? Absence of ledge where flooring meets walls?	9	11	82%	82%
Has the pharmacy established a passing level of the didactic test?	7	8	88%	88%
Has the staff demonstrated proper hand hygiene? Note: Handwashing must occur to elbows for a minimum of 30 seconds	7	8	88%	88%
Are the staff performing compounding not wearing any make-up, jewelry, ear buds, artificial nails etc.?	10	11	91%	91%





# Sustainability

### **Compounding 360**





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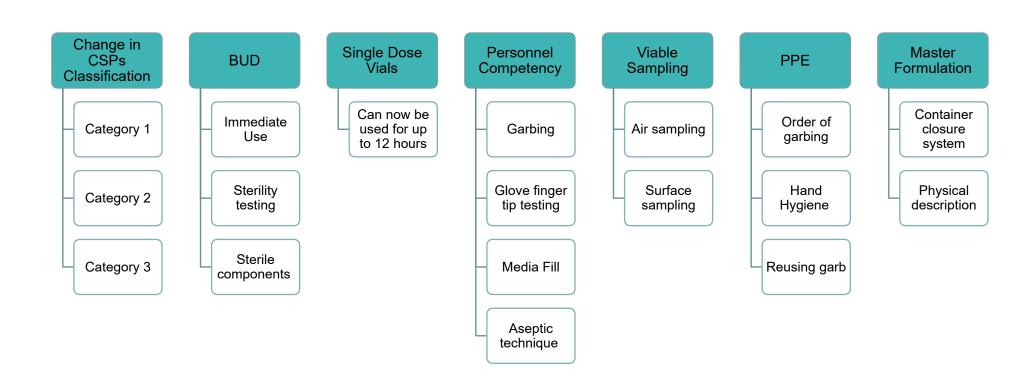
## **Next Steps**

### Remain up-to-date with USP

- USP 797 2022 Gap Analysis
- ASHP Resource Center
- New changes take into effect in November 2023

# **Next Steps**

### **Changes within USP**



# **Key Takeaways**





**Stay up-to-date with USP standards** 

Ensure that all key stakeholders are present.

Implement a standard process to ensure all environmental quality standards are met

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