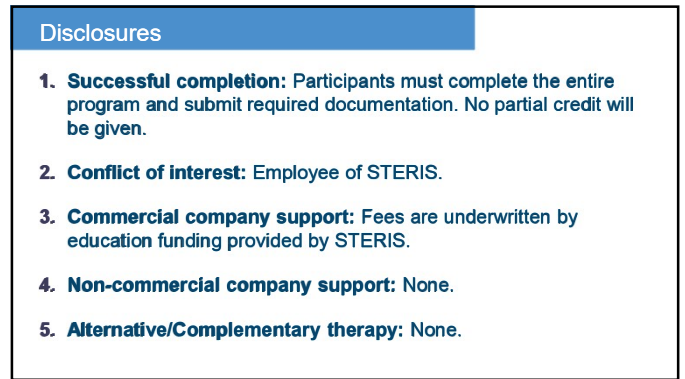
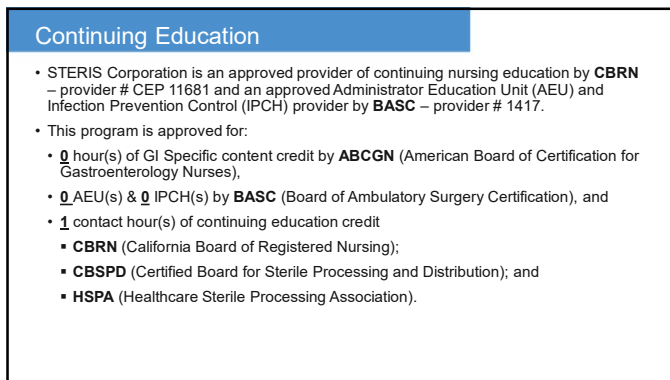




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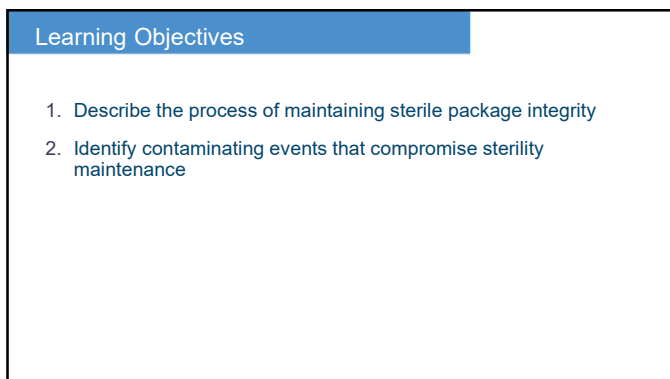
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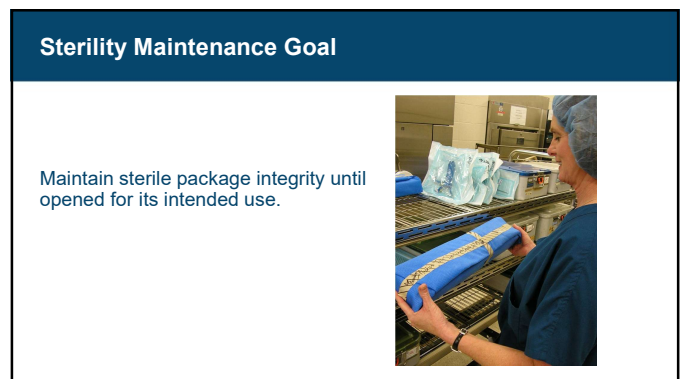
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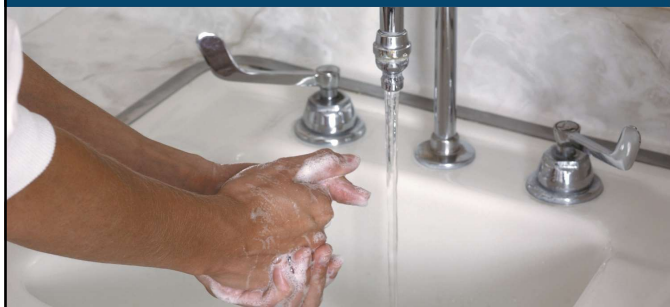


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First Line Of Defense



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Basic Purpose Of Packaging

- Adequately/properly contain an item
- Permit sterilization/aeration to take place
- Provide barrier to microorganisms
- Ensure aseptic presentation

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Packaging Systems Must Also...

- Create a complete seal that is tamper evident
- Be non-toxic
- Be non-linting



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Packaging Manufacturer's Responsibility

- Validate barrier properties
- Appropriate for sterile packaging
- Validate sterilization modality and parameters
- Validate post sterilization shelf life



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Healthcare Professional Responsibility

- Select the right packaging materials
- Ensure use of appropriate size and weight
- Verify complete seal on peel packs
- Inspect packaging prior to sterilization
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for use
- Double pouching

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Shelf-Life

Event Related

- Sterile indefinite period of time
- Storage/transport conditions
- Handling

Time Related

- Specific period of time
- Defined by hospital policy and procedures



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Items That Influence Shelf Life

- Medications
- Batteries
- Chemical indicator strips

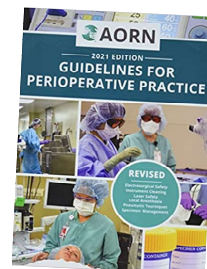


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AORN Guideline: Shelf life

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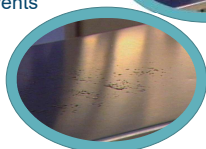
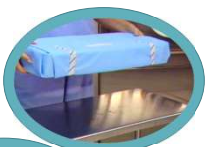
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Handling Post Steam Sterilization

- Allow items to thoroughly cool
- Leave items on sterilizer carts
- Wire shelves not solid shelves
- Away from air conditioning vents



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Sterility Maintenance Covers - "Dust Covers"

- Protect sterile items
- Package MUST be cool, dry
- Securely sealed and appropriately sized
- Label visible



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What do you do with a sterile package when the dust cover is removed, and the item is not used?

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Specific Events Cause Contamination

- Compression
- Holes/tears/ruptured seals
- High/low humidity
- Moisture



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Contaminating Events

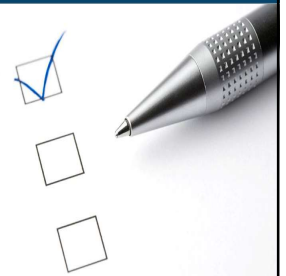
- Excessive handling
- Dropped
- Tears in package
- Peel pouch seals not smooth
- Sterile/non-sterile awareness



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Assess Facility Practices

- Audit and educate
- Handling sterile and clean supplies
- Manufacturer's instructions followed
- Develop policies/procedures



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Environmental Requirements For Storage Areas

- Identify ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE 170 edition and HVAC installation/upgrade date
- Positive air pressure
- Temperature and humidity defined
- At least 4 air exchanges per hour
- Appropriate lighting
- No fans



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General Environmental Requirements

- Enclosed limited access area
- Requires appropriate attire
- Dust and lint prevention
- Closed or open shelving



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Shelves & Storage Units

- Adequate distance from walls, floor, and ceiling
- Bottom shelf covers
- Compliance with local fire codes
- Ease of cleaning



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Storage May Be...

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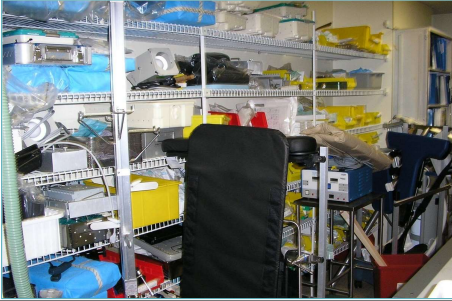
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Storage



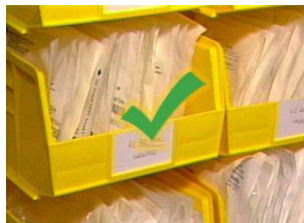
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Storage, Continued



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Storage, Continued



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First In / First Out (FIFO) Stock Rotation



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Do Not Store Items...

- Under pipes
- Under sinks
- Over drains
- Windowsills
- On the floor
- In decontamination



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Distribution Methods

- Case and transport carts
- Dedicated elevators or lifts
- Hand carrying



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Case And Transport Carts



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Dedicated Elevator/Lifts



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Limit Product Handling

- Each time a package is handled it becomes susceptible to damage
- Always handle with care
- Do not handle any more than necessary
- Always have clean hands

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Hand Carried Items/Methods

- Carry packages away from body
- Check for tears, holes, etc.



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What's Wrong With This Picture?



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Dispensing Or Opening Items

Check:

- External chemical indicator
- Expiration date, if applicable
- Package integrity
- Seals
- Container filters and tamper evident devices



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Aseptic Presentation



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Items Returned From The Customer

- Sterile items left on case carts
- Sterile items left on procedural trays

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Customer Training

- Training/education/competency
- Sterility maintenance
- Sterility breaches
- Aseptic presentation
- Auditing

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Break Out Area



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Materials Management

- Receipt of sterile products at the dock
- Pulling cases
- Training/education/competency

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Off-Site Distribution

- Used more frequently today
- Separation of clean and dirty
- Secure carts and bins
- Avoid condensation



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Special Challenges Of Off-Site Distribution

- Policies & procedures
- Sterility maintenance
- Logistics
- Quality management
- Documentation



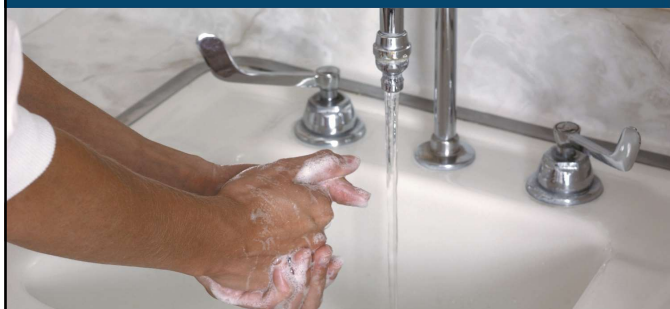
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Loaned Medical Device Trays



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Exceed Your Best!



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Action Items

- Audit sterile storage areas for event related compliance
- Provide education and training on proper care, handling and storage of sterile medical devices

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