

Decontamination

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Introductions

- Instructors
- Students
 - Your name?
 - Where are you from?



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Objectives

- Discuss the differences between disinfection, decontamination, and sterilization.
- Discuss the various decontamination methods used for surface and area decontamination.
- Explain how validation of the decontamination procedure is conducted and be able to interpret the results.

Biorisk Management Review



Risk Mitigation Strategies Review



Definitions

- ***Sterilization*** - act or process, physical or chemical, that destroys or eliminates all forms of life, especially microorganisms. The definition is categorical and absolute - an item either is sterile or is not.
- ***Disinfection*** - Generally less lethal process than sterilization. It is the elimination of nearly all recognized pathogenic micro-organisms but not necessarily all microbial forms (e.g., bacterial spores).

Definitions, continued

- ***Antiseptic*** - a substance that prevents or arrests the growth or action of microbes, either by inhibiting their activity or by destroying them
 - “septic” – containing disease causing organism, anti - remove
- ***Decontamination*** – A process to remove contamination. Decontamination renders an area, device, item, or material safe to handle, that is, reasonably free from a risk of disease transmission.

Methods of Decontamination

- Chemical (e.g., bleach)
- Thermal (e.g., autoclave)
- Filtration (e.g., HEPA filter)
- Radiation (e.g., UV light)

Classes of Chemical Disinfectants

- Halogens (Chlorine, Iodophors)
- Aldehydes (Glutaraldehyde/Formaldehyde)
- Phenolics
- Alcohols
- Acids (Peracetic acid) & Alkalis (NaOH)
- Oxidizing Agents (Hydrogen peroxide)
- Quaternary Ammonium compounds
- Biguanidines (Chlorhexidine)

The Ideal Chemical Disinfectant

- You are looking for the perfect chemical disinfectant .
- In your small group, list all of the properties of the ideal chemical disinfectant.
- List one property per sticky note.

Factors affecting disinfection

- In your small group, consider the conditions and factors that might affect how well a chemical disinfectant will work.
- Write each factor on an individual sticky note.

Factors Affecting Disinfection

- Number of microorganisms
- Location of microorganisms
- Innate resistance to the disinfectant
- Concentration and potency of the disinfectant
- Physical and chemical factors
- Presence of organic matter
- Duration of exposure
- Biofilms

Resistance to Disinfectants

Resistant



Prions (agents causing Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease)
Bacterial spores (*Bacillus anthracis*)
Coccidia (*Cryptosporidium*)
Mycobacteria (*M. tuberculosis*)
Nonlipid or small viruses (polio, coxsackie)
Fungi (*Aspergillus*, *Candida*)
Vegetative bacteria (*E. coli*, *S. aureus*)
Lipid or medium-sized virus (HIV, herpes, hepatitis B)

Susceptible

Environmental Factors

- Dried spills (from media, buffers) may limit contact between the disinfectant and the target organism.
 - Pre-cleaning usually necessary for spills
- Dirt, grease and oils - all can protect the organisms.
 - Grease and oils will repel water based disinfectants.

Product Factors

- Age of the product/solution
- Method of application
 - spray vs. wipe
- Rate of application
- Storage conditions
 - Opaque vs. clear containers



BREAK

Properties of Chemical Disinfectants

- The instructor will assign your group a chemical disinfectant to research.
- In your small group, review the resource material provided in your workbook.
- Complete the template in your workbook that includes the following information and be prepared to report to the group.
 - Mode of action
 - Typical concentration used
 - Uses in the laboratory
 - Advantages
 - Limitations/Disadvantages

Criteria	Report
Name of Chemical Disinfectant:	
Mode of Action	
Typical Concentration used	
Uses in the Laboratory	
Advantages	
Limitations/Disadvantages	

Choosing a Chemical Disinfectant

- In your small group:
 - Read the scenario (5 minutes)
 - Discuss and select an appropriate disinfectant for use in the scenario (5 minutes)
 - Using the template in your workbook, write an SOP for using the disinfectant in the scenario (15 minutes).

Scenario

- A researcher plans to grow various strains of *Bacillus cereus* (a potential foodborne pathogen closely related to *B. anthracis*) on petri dishes.
- Individual colonies will then be used to inoculate liquid broth cultures of up to 500 mLs. The cultures are grown in glass reusable Erlenmeyer flasks in a shaker incubator.
- Cultures will be transferred to plastic disposable tubes to be spun down in a centrifuge. The pellet will be washed, collected and analyzed for toxin production. This will involve the use of micropipettes, glass slides, and various stains and reagents.
- Sub cultures will be lyophilized for storage in small (<1ml) cryovials and stored in the freezer.
- ***How will lab surfaces and reusable materials be disinfected?***



Standard Operating Procedure for:

Conditions

Who should use the SOP?

When should it be used?

Why should the SOP be used?

Where should it be used?

Context

Input(s): Contaminated surfaces and reusable materials

Output: Disinfected surfaces and reusable materials

Preparation required:

Actions (steps required to move from the input to the output)

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

“Evaluating” your SOP

- Give your SOP to another small group for evaluation.
- Read the SOP you’ve been asked to evaluate (5 minutes) and answer the following questions (10 minutes):
 - Did you understand the SOP?
 - Is it physically possible to follow the SOP?
 - What questions do you have?
 - What suggestions might make the SOP easier to understand and follow?
- If time allows, come to a class-wide consensus on the SOP to be used.



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Additional Methods of Disinfection

- Thermal
 - Autoclave
 - Incinerator
- Filtration
- Radiation
 - Non-ionizing (UV light, microwave)
 - Ionizing (E-Beam, gamma and x-rays)

Autoclaves



Heat Kills!



- 160 °C Spores killed 2 hrs dry heat
- 134-138 °C Prions inactivated
- 121 °C Spores killed in 2 min (autoclave)
- 100 °C Only spores survive after 10 minutes
- 82 °C Bacteria killed 3 secs (pasteurization)
- 72 °C Bacteria killed 17 secs
- 63 °C Bacteria killed in 30 mins
- 56 °C HIV inactivated 30 mins
- 41 °C Protein denaturing starts
- 37 °C Body temperature
- 20 °C Room temperature

Principles of Autoclave Sterilization

- Direct exposure to steam at the required temperature and pressure for a specific time
 - 121 °C – 123 °C
 - 15 psi; 1.05 kg/cm²
- Time required depends on the nature of the material to be sterilized. (Generally 1 hr for waste)

Steam Penetration

- Steam must directly contact all areas of the load (bags should be loosely gathered)
- If the steam can't penetrate a dry container, you have dry heat, which takes much longer to achieve kill.
- Add ~ 50 - 250 ml of water to bags prior to autoclaving to facilitate steam saturation

Activity: When to Autoclave?

- Work with your group to develop a list of the advantages and disadvantages for using an autoclave to decontaminate laboratory materials.
- Complete the template in your workbook.
- Based on your answers:
 - When would using an autoclave be advantageous?
 - When would another method be preferable to autoclaving?

Autoclave Safety

- Follow manufacturers' guidelines
- Do not open pressurized chamber
- Avoid standing directly in front when opening
- Establish a preventative maintenance schedule and annual inspection by certified technician
- Wear appropriate PPE
- Careful – liquids are hot
- Open door slowly, allow steam to vent before opening fully



Autoclave safety

- Do not place sealed containers into autoclave
- Do not autoclave items containing solvents, volatiles, radioactive or corrosive chemicals
- Use shallow metal pans for best results and heat transfer
- Check drain and seals





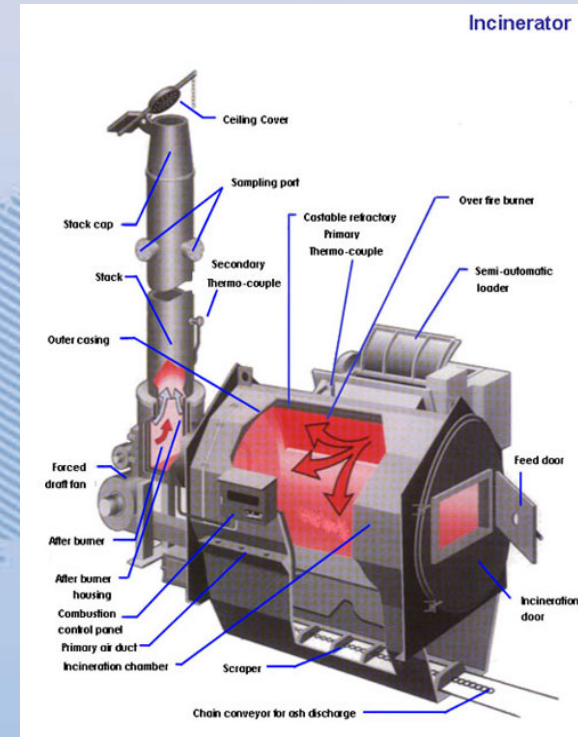
Incineration



- Treatment of choice for animal bedding, carcasses and pathological wastes; but not plastics!
- Reduces volume of waste by up to 95%
- May allow energy generated to be recovered
- Operation parameters:
 - Primary chamber: 1400°F-1800 °F (760 °C-982 °C)
 - Secondary chamber: >2000 ° F (1093 °C)

Incineration Concerns

- Can generate smoke, residues with heavy metals, gases (e.g., HCl, CO, PCBs, etc.)
- May require pollution control devices, e.g., wet/dry air scrubbers, electrostatic precipitators
- Loading needs to be controlled
- May require permits



Incinerator?





BREAK

Validation Methods

- Work with your group to discuss methods or ways in which you can assure that the following procedures actually result in decontamination:
 - Chemical disinfection – surfaces
 - Chemical disinfection - liquids
 - Autoclave sterilization
 - Incinerator run

Review of decontamination

Review

To wrap-up, let's discuss what we learned about decontamination in a biological laboratory setting.

What did we learn?

What does it mean?

Where do we go from here?

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Thank You!

Don't forget to complete your evaluation!

