(A) Policy Statement
It is the policy of the Nuclear Medicine Department that all technologists must familiarize themselves with USP 797.

(B) Purpose of Policy
All attempts will be made to comply with the new regulations for the purpose of aseptic control and to ensure and maintain the production sterile radiopharmaceutical doses. Proper housekeeping and personal hygiene rules must be followed to reduce the risk of microbial contamination. Our focus will be to achieve a state of ACARA or As Clean As Reasonably Achievable.

As we become more familiar with and understanding of these regulations the Nuclear Medicine Department will continue to refine and upgrade our adherence to USP 797.

(C) Procedure
Effective immediately we shall:
1. Disinfect the hot lab counter upon arrival in the AM and at the end of the shift.
2. New “chucks” will be placed in the prep area in the AM.
3. The hot lab floor must be at first dry mopped and then wet mopped with a disinfectant daily.
4. All vials can be punctured a maximum of two times during dose drawing and cold kit preparations.
5. All vials must be time noted and not used past 1 hour of the first puncture.
6. Lab coats must be washed weekly.
7. Technologist should not use perfumes or colognes.

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