

# National Standard for User-applied Labelling of Injectable Medicines, Fluids and Lines

## Perioperative sterile field

To identify contents of containers (syringes and hollowware) on the sterile field in the operating room use:

- labels preprinted with medicine/fluid name and concentration OR
- a generic closed-practice environment label with medicine and concentration prompts

### Preprinted closed-practice environment label

Use:

- individual labels
- a sheet of labels for a perioperative suite
- a sheet of labels for a specific operating procedure

Example of a preprinted label sheet produced to service a perioperative sterile field

<b>Chlorhexidine</b> Alcoholic 0.5%	<b>Povidone-Iodine</b> Aqueous 5%	<b>Paraffin Liquid</b>	<b>Sodium Chloride</b> for Irrigation 0.9%	Non-injectable fluids			
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<b>Sodium Chloride for Injection</b> 0.9%	<b>Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate</b>	<b>Clonidine</b>	<b>Verapamil</b>				
<b>Gentamicin</b>	<b>Atropine</b>	<b>Heparin</b> 25 units/mL	<b>Adrenaline</b> 1 in 10,000				
<b>Vancomycin</b>	<b>Lignocaine</b>	<b>Heparin</b> 1,000 units/mL	<b>Lignocaine</b> <b>Adrenaline</b>				
<b>Contrast</b>	<b>Morphine</b>	<b>Heparin</b> 25,000 units/mL	<b>Ropivacaine</b> <b>Adrenaline</b>				

- Preprinted labels include full generic names (except contrast media).
- Colour coding to follow International Standard ISO 26825:2008.
- Concentration optional except for adrenaline when used as single medicine.
- Concentration may be preprinted or completed at the time of preparation in the space provided with a sterile marker pen.

### Generic closed-practice environment label

Medicine.....
Conc (units/mL).....

Use the generic closed-practice environment labels when preprinted labels are not available (requires a sterile marker pen).

### All closed-practice environment container labels

- Adhesive must ensure the label remains attached to the container for the procedure duration.
- Adhesive must allow the label to be completely removed after the procedure when using reusable hollowware containers.
- Apply away from the pouring spout and avoid graduations.