



Sterillium®

Internationally acclaimed **world renowned** **most widely evaluated** with more than 600 publications in international journals of repute, **undisputed classic hand rub** among medical professionals for hygienic hand disinfection and surgical hand disinfection.

**50 Years !
GOLD
STANDARD !
57 Countries
consuming
more than
6000 Tonnes
Per Year !**

Product properties

- Best peer-reviewed hand disinfectant -since 1965
- Excellent action
- Provides very good residual effect
- Excellent skin tolerability even with long-term use

Composition

- Each 100 gms contains:
2-propanol 45.0g
1-propanol 30.0g
Mecetroniumethylsulphate 0.2g
Emollients and skin protecting substances.

Microbiology

- Bactericidal, yeasticidal, tuberculocidal, mycobactericidal, virucidal against enveloped viruses (incl. HBV, HIV, HCV) Adeno, Polyoma, Rota viruses

Areas of application

- **Sterillium®** is used as ready-to-use alcohol based rub-in product independent of water and wash basin, to prevent infection, in all areas of health care and industry, where hygiene is important. It can also be used in home dialysis and travelling.

Areas of application in detail: For hygienic and surgical hand disinfection:

- In critical care areas, ICU, NICU, MICU AKD, operations theatres, infectious depts., burns dept, laboratories, ambulances, treatment units dental and ophthalmic depts., hospital canteen kitchens, emergency medical services, home care of patients, home dialysis etc

Hygienic hand disinfection - 30 seconds
Surgical hand disinfection - 1.5 minutes

Direction for use

- 3ml **Sterillium®** is rubbed undiluted into clean dry hands; be sure that the hands are completely covered during the application time. Keep special attention to fingertips and thumbs.

Optional use: with elbow dispensing stands/cot stands.

clinically relevant skin areas



CME for hospital personnel for training on the self-responsible rub-in method available on request.

Spectrum of activity:

- 70 different strains of bacteria (gm+ve&gm-ve)
- 14 antibiotic resistant strains
- 6 types of mycobacteria
- 7 types of fungi
- 23 types of viruses including SARS-CoV-2 variants B.1.1.7, B.1.351, B.1.617.1 / B.1.617.2, B.1.1.529 (Omicron), SARS-CoV, HCV, Avian Flu, Swine Flu, Polyoma, Adeno and Ebola.

S.N.	Bacteria, Mycobacteria
1	Acinetobacter baumannii
2	Acinetobacter baumannii ATCC 19606
3	Acinetobacter baumannii multidrug-resistant
4	Acinetobacter calcoacetococcus
5	Acinetobacter lwoffii ATCC 15309
6	Bacteroides fragilis ATCC 25285
7	Burkholderia cepacia ATCC 25416
8	Clostridium difficile ATCC 9689
9	Cholera-Vibronen
10	Citrobacter freundii
11	Enterobacter cloacae ATCC 13048
12	Enterobacter cloacae
13	Enterobacter cloacae ATCC 13047
14	Enterococcus faecalis ATCC 29212
15	Enterococcus faecalis vancomycin-resistant
16	Enterococcus faecium ATCC 19434
17	Enterococcus faecium antibiotic resistant
18	Enterococcus faecium vancomycin-resistant
19	Enterococcus hirae ATCC 10541
20	Escherichia coli (K 12) NCTC 10538
21	Escherichia coli ATCC 25922
22	Escherichia coli ATCC 10536
23	Escherichia coli ATCC 11229
24	Escherichia coli CNCTC Ec 324 / 70
25	Escherichia coli EHEC DSM 8579
26	Escherichia coli 0157: H 7
27	Escherichia coli multidrug-resistant
28	Haemophilus influenzae ATCC 19418
29	Klebsiella oxytoca ATCC 43165
30	Klebsiella pneumoniae multidrug-resistant
31	Klebsiella pneumoniae ATCC 11296
32	Klebsiella pneumoniae ATCC 4352
33	Klebsiella pneumoniae
34	Listeria monocytogenes
35	Listeria monocytogenes ATCC 7644
36	Micrococcus luteus ATCC 7468
37	Micrococcus luteus ATCC 9341
38	MRSA ATCC 33592
39	Mycobacterium smegmatis CFB 022
40	Mycobacterium terrae ATCC 15755
41	Mycobacterium tuberculosis ATCC 27294
42	Mycobacterium tuberculosis ATCC 25618
43	Mycobacterium tuberculosis multidrug-resistant
44	Mycobacterium tuberculosis H ₃₇ Ra CIP 103471
45	Proteus mirabilis ATCC 14153
46	Proteus mirabilis ATCC 7002
47	Proteus vulgaris
48	Proteus vulgaris ATCC 13315
49	Proteus vulgaris CNCTC PrO 10/52
50	Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC 15442
51	Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC 27853
52	Pseudomonas aeruginosa antibiotic resistant

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54	Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC 15442
55	Pseudomonas aeruginosa CNCTC Ps 79 / 70
56	Pseudomonas aeruginosa HM 116
57	Pseudomonas aeruginosa multidrug –resistant
58	Pseudomonas aeruginosa
59	Pseudomonas aeruginosa
60	Pseudomonas aeruginosa
61	Pseudomonas aeruginosa
62	Salmonella enteritidis
63	Salmonella enteritidis ATCC 13076
64	Salmonella typhimurium
65	Salmonella typhimurium ATCC 13311
66	Serratia marcescens
67	Serratia marcescens ATCC 14756
68	Serratia marcescens CNCTC Sm 29 / 80
69	Shigella sonnei ATCC 11060
70	Staphylococcus aureus
71	Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 29213
72	Staphylococcus aureus vancomycin – intermediate resistant(MRSA)
73	Staphylococcus aureus antibiotic resistant (MRSA)
74	Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 597
75	Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 6538
76	Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 9144
77	Staphylococcus aureus CNCTC Mau 43 / 60
78	Staphylococcus epidermis
79	Staphylococcus epidermis ATCC 12228
80	Staphylococcus haemolyticus ATCC 29970
81	Staphylococcus hominis ATCC 27844
82	Staphylococcus saprophyticus ATCC 15305
83	Streptococcus faecalis
84	Streptococcus faecalis ATCC 6057
85	Streptococcus faecalis ATCC 10541
86	Streptococcus pneumoniae
87	Streptococcus pneumoniae ATCC 6303
88	Streptococcus pneumoniae penicillin-resistant
89	Streptococcus pyogenes
90	Streptococcus pyogenes ATCC 19615

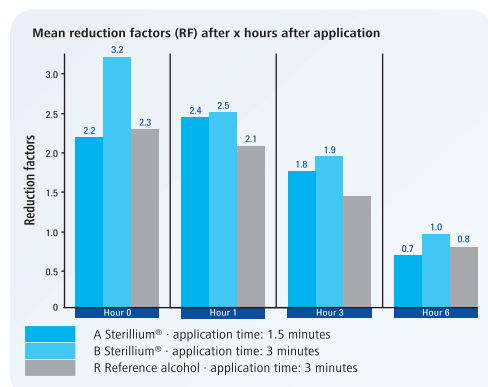
S.N	Fungi, Yeast
1	Aspergillus niger ATCC 6275 / 70
2	Candida albicans
3	Candida albicans ATCC 10231
4	Candida tropicalis STCC 1400
5	Epidermophyton floccosum
6	Microsporum gypseum
7	Trichophyton mentagrophytes

S.N.	Bacteria, Mycobacteria
1	Adeno Type 5 strain Adenoid 75
2	BVDV Stamm NADL
3	HBV
4	Herpes simplex Type 1 strain HFEM
5	Herpes simplex Type 1 strain RR
6	Herpes simplex Type 1 MS ATCC VR-540
7	Herpes simplex Type 2 strain D 316
8	Herpes simplex Type 2 macIntyre ATCC vr 539
9	HIV
10	Influenza A ATCC VR – 544
11	Polyoma STRAIn 777
12	Rota Strain WA
13	Rota Strain RIT 4237
14	Vaccinia Strain elstree
15	H5N1 Avian flu
16	H1N1 Swine flu
17	Ebola Ebola Haemorrhagic Fever
18	SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7
19	SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351
20	SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.1
21	SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2
22	SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.529

Proven efficacy			
Bacteria and Fungi			
Phase 2/ step 2	Efficacy according to EN phase 2 / step 2 (practical tests)	Hygienic hand disinfection (EN 1500) Surgical hand disinfection (EN 12791)	30 sec 1.5 min
Phase 2/ step 1	Appraised efficacy according to EN phase 2 / step 1 (suspension tests)	Bactericidal (EN 13727) Yeasticidal (EN 13624) Tuberculocidal (EN 14348) Mycobactericidal (EN 14348)	15 sec 15 sec 30 sec 30 sec
Phase 1	Appraisal according to EN phase 1 (basic tests /suspension tests) without contamination; does not define the applicability of a product for a specific purpose	Bactericidal (EN 1040) Yeasticidal (EN 1275)	15 sec 15 sec
	Certified application recommendations for Hygienic Hand Disinfection from the Association for Applied Hygiene (VAH). Based on suspension and practical tests.	Bactericidal/Yeasticidal	30 sec
	Certified application recommendations for Surgical Hand Disinfection from (VAH). Based on suspension and practical tests.	Bactericidal/Yeasticidal	1.5 min
DGHM	Appraised efficacy against bacteria (in accordance with the German Society of Hygiene and Microbiology (DGHM) within the certified bactericidal efficacy	MRSA/EHEC Listeria / Salmonella	30 sec 15 sec
RKI	Recognized substances for decontamination according to (Robert Koch-Institut) (RKI)	Area A-vegetative bacteria; incl.mycobacteria; Incl. mycobacteria (use twice for Tb)	30 sec
ASTM (USA FDA)	Appraised efficacy in compliance with American Standard Test Methods (ASTM)	Bactericidal (FDA) Yeasticidal (FDA)	30 sec 30 sec

Surgical hand disinfection within 1.5 minutes

In 2005, a study for the first time investigated the efficacy of the alcohol-based hand disinfection with different application times (3,2,1.5 and 1 minute) in comparison with the 3-minute reference treatment in accordance with EN 12791 (1)



At any point in time Sterillium® with application times of 1.5 and 3 minutes was at least as the reference treatment. Also its bacterial colonization rate approximately corresponded to the reference alcohol

Proven efficacy			
Viruses			
EN phase 2 /step 1	Efficacy according to EN phase / step 1 (suspension tests)	Adeno virus (EN 14476)	1 min
DVV	Efficacy against viruses (German Society for the Control of Viral Diseases (DVV))	Virucidal against enveloped viruses (incl.HBV, HIV, HCV, ebola)	15 sec
DVV	Appraised efficacy against enveloped viruses (DVV)	Influenza A virus (avian) Influenza A virus(human) Herpes simplex virus type 1 and 2 SARS-CoV	15 sec 15 sec 15 sec 30 sec
DVV	Appraised efficacy against non enveloped viruses (DVV)	Adenovirus Polyoma virus	1 min 5 min
DVV	Appraised efficacy against enveloped viruses (DVV)	Rota virus	15 sec

Compatibility with Bode products

The prior use of Sterillium® does not interfere with the durability of the most common single-use glove materials such as latex, nitrile and vinyl

Stability

After opening in tightly closed container : 12 months

Listing

- List of the Robert Koch-institut (RKI) effect area A
- List of disinfectants of the Association for Applied Hygiene (former DGHM list)

Packing

Content	Carton
5 Ltrs	2 Jars
500ml with dispenser	20 Bottles
100ml	50 Bottles
100ml with dispenser	50 Bottles



Even with an exposure time 1.5 minute only, Sterillium®'s immediate and sustained effect is still superior to the 3 minute reference procedure

Futher studies have confirmed the efficacy even with additional application to forearms and elbows (2,3). The Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM) authorized the reduced application time in 2005. Since 2007 the Association for Applied Hygiene (VAH) certifies surgical hand disinfection procedures with exposure times below the previously approved minimum application time of 3 minutes.

Another study (4) with Sterillium® could proof that an exposure time of only 1.5 minutes does not influence the long term effect of surgical hand disinfection.after 6 hours under the glove Sterillium® coloisation rate was as low as the rate of the reference procedure with a 3 minute application time

The exposure time 1.5 minutes applies to the complete Sterillium® range of products and depending on the preparation –meanwhile has become standard. The advantages include less consumption and according to a study time saving of approx. 1000 working hours per year (5)

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Better compliance through good skin compatibility

Introducing Sterillium® to a medical intensive care unit (MICU) as alternative to washing increased compliance with hand disinfection by almost 20 percent these results were attributed good skin tolerability even with repeated application

Research for infection protection

Source : Maury E et al availability of an alcohol solution can improve hand disinfection compliance in an intensive care unit Am. j. Respir. Crit. Care Med., 2000, 162: 324 - 7.



Surgical Hand Disinfection

Dermal Tolerance

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