

# MICROBIOLOGICAL STABILITY OF VIALS USED IN CYTOSTATIC COMPOUNDING



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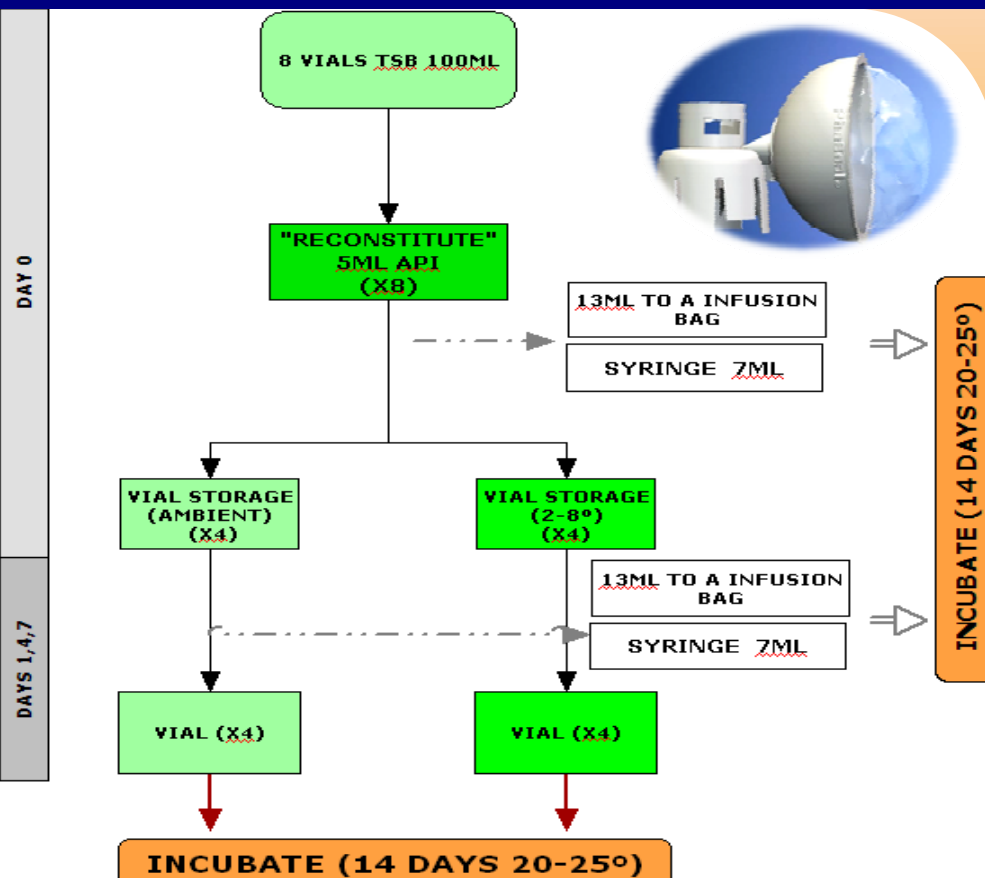


Vial sharing would lead to great savings in cancer therapy. However, microbiological stability is of concern.

## PURPOSE

To assess microbiological stability of vials in cytostatic compounding when the closed-system drug transfer device PhaSeal<sup>®</sup> is used.

## METHODS



- Cytostatic compounding process was simulated using 100ml TSB culture media vials.

- Three batches (8 vials each) were elaborated as described in the figure.

- Handling was conducted inside a biological safety cabinet and using PhaSeal<sup>®</sup> system.

## RESULTS

- ❖ No microbiological growth was detected in any of the 24 vials after 7 days of storage and 9 manipulations of each vial.
- ❖ 96 syringes and 96 bags were incubated. None were contaminated either.

## CONCLUSIONS

An aseptic technique using PhaSeal<sup>®</sup> maintains vial's sterility over time (at least 7 days) and handling, allowing substantial savings.

