



Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical
Facilities Accreditation Program

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

Single-use Devices and
Multi-dose Vials

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No.	Description
IPC1.3.3	<p>M Multi-dose vials are discarded within seven days of opening.</p> <p><i>Guidance: Multi-dose vials are discarded when the vial has been entered but not labeled with an entry date, if contamination is suspected, if it is past the manufacturer's expiry date (e.g. the date after which an unopened multi-dose vial should not be used) or if seven days after the initial vial entry has been reached. Multi-dose vials have a manufacturer recommended discard date of 28 days after opening; however, the antimicrobial preservative in these vials has no effect on blood-borne viruses. As multi-dose vials in the non-hospital setting are likely used for more than one patient and/or located in immediate patient treatment areas (e.g. operating room, procedure room, anesthesia and procedure carts), in the interest of patient safety, multi-dose vials are to be discarded within seven days of opening to limit</i></p>

