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POLICY SUBJECT:

Expiry of Opened Multi-dose Injectable Products

PURPOSE:

To ensure opened multi-dose injectable products are discarded in a timely manner to insure stability and sterility.

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE:

Executive Limitation (EL-2) Treatment of Clients

DEFINITIONS:

Multi-dose injectable vial: Product that contains a preservative agent.

PROCEDURE:

- All multi-dose vials should be dated when opened.
- All multi-dose vials should be discarded 30 days from the date opened.
- This procedure does not override directions for specific products found in manufacturer or Southern Health-Santé Sud Parenteral Drug Monographs.

REFERENCES:

Moi, S. et al. (1991). Time limit on multi-dose vials after initial entry. Hospital Pharmacy 26:805-809.

WHO Policy Statement (2000). The use of opened multi-dose vials of vaccine in subsequent immunization sessions.