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**USP 797 and Bleach**

## **The US Pharmacopeial Convention Recommendations for Diluted Sodium Hypochlorite as an Antimicrobial Agent**

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The following published source provides authoritative documentation regarding the use of sodium hypochlorite bleach as a broad spectrum antimicrobial agent :

<http://www.usp797.org/QA-E26.htm>

In Appendix II of its USP 797, the US Pharmacopeial Convention lists **sodium hypochlorite bleach in concentrations of 100 to 5000 ppm as the only disinfectant with microbial inactivation of bacteria, lipophilic viruses, hydrophilic viruses, M. tuberculosis, mycotic agents (fungi), and bacterial spores.**