

## 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>

US Pharmacopeial Convention, USP 797, Appendix II 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.