Disinfect the Diaphragm

"Pop-off" vial caps are just considered "dust covers" on new vials. The caps do not provide sterile protection to septum or diaphragm underneath it. The diaphragm must always be disinfected after removing the "pop-off" cap from a new vial before the medication is accessed. APIC states that health care workers should "use friction and a sterile 70% isopropyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, other approved antiseptic swabs" to the diaphragm after removing the dust cover. https://www.apic.org. It is also important to wait 10 seconds after disinfection to allow the diaphragm to dry before accessing medication. http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org

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FOLLOW THESE INJECTION SAFETY STEPS FOR SUCCESS:

1. Carefully read the label of the unit of medication.
2. If the vial has been out and is not already been processed, request a new one.
3. If it is a single-dose, double-check the expiration date and the expiration date for the drug.
4. If you are processing a multidose, visually inspect the drug and syringe.
5. If the container shows spurious activity, discard the unit of medication.

SAFETY STEPS:

1. Be sure to wash your hands immediately before handling any medication.
2. Disinfect the medication vial by wiping the diaphragm with alcohol.
3. Draw up the medication in a clean, dedicated medication repository.
4. Dispose of used needles and syringes in a sharps container immediately after use.
5. SPOOLS should be discarded when:
   a. the beyond-use date has been reached
   b. doses are drawn in a patient treatment area
   c. any time a viability test is in question