1. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCE

Name: BACITRACIN STERILE SOLUTION 10,000 Units/mL

Manufacturer: Department of Pharmacy
Duke University Medical Center
Box 3089
Durham, NC 27710
919-684-5125

Information Department: Occupational and Environmental Safety Office
Duke University Medical Center
Box 3914
Durham, NC 27710
919-684-5996

Emergency Information: Regional Poison Control Center
800-848-6946

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Characterization/Description: Bacitracin solution

Synonym(s): Bacitracin: fortracin, penitracin, topitracin

Dangerous Components (CAS#, Hazardous Chemical, Percent):

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<td>Sodium metabisulfite</td>
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3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard Description:
Bacitracin is classified as a poison by intraperitoneal and intravenous routes. It is moderately toxic by ingestion and subcutaneous routes and can cause eye irritation and skin sensitization. (Hazard description based on concentrated constituents; this product is an aqueous solution.)

NFPA Ratings (scale 0-4):

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Inhalation:**
Remove victim to fresh air. Give oxygen or artificial respiration if necessary.

**Skin Contact:**
IMMEDIATELY flood affected skin with water while removing and isolating all contaminated clothing. Gently wash all affected skin areas thoroughly with soap and water. Seek medical attention if warranted.

**Eye Contact:**
First check the victim for contact lenses and remove if present. Flush victim's eyes with water or normal saline solution for 20 to 30 minutes while simultaneously calling a hospital or poison control center. Do not put any ointments, oils, or medication in the victim's eyes without specific instructions from a physician. IMMEDIATELY transport the victim after flushing eyes to a hospital even if no symptoms (such as redness or irritation) develop.

**Ingestion:**
DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING.

If the victim is conscious and not convulsing, give 1 or 2 glasses of water to dilute the chemical and IMMEDIATELY call a hospital or poison control center. IMMEDIATELY transport the victim to a hospital.

If the victim is convulsing or unconscious, do not give anything by mouth, ensure that the victim's airway is open, and lay the victim on his/her side with the head lower than the body. Transport the victim IMMEDIATELY to a hospital.
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5. **FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

   **Suitable Extinguishing Agents:**
   Use appropriate extinguishing media for surrounding fire.

   **Protective Equipment:**
   Self-contained breathing apparatus and protective equipment for fire fighting.

6. **ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

   **Personnel Precautions:**
   Wear gloves (disposable surgical) and eye protection (chemical splash goggles).

   **Environmental Precautions:**
   None necessary under normal conditions of use.

   **Measures for Cleaning/Collection:**
   Use absorbent paper to pick up all liquid spill material. Seal the absorbent paper, as well as contaminated clothing, in a vapor-tight plastic bag for eventual disposal. Wash all contaminated surfaces with a soap and water solution.

7. **HANDLING AND STORAGE**

   **Handling:**
   Wear PPE when handling this material. Wash hands after handling.

   **Storage:**
   Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated location.
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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls:

None necessary under conditions of normal use.

Control Parameters:

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Personal Protective Equipment:

Respiratory Protection
None necessary under conditions of normal use.

Skin Protection
Wear disposable surgical gloves when using this chemical. If this chemical comes into contact with your gloves, or if a tear/puncture develops, remove gloves at once and wash hands.

Eye Protection
Splash-proof safety goggles should be worn while handling this chemical.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State: Liquid
pH: 5.5 – 7.0
Boiling/Freezing Points (°C): Approx. same as water.
Flashpoint (°C): N/A
Autoignition Temperature (°C): N/A
Explosion Properties: N/A
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg): N/A
Vapor Density (air = 1): N/A
Solubility: Soluble in water (aqueous solution).
Specific Gravity (water = 1): Approx. same as water.
### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**General:** This product is considered stable.

**Materials to Avoid:** None specified.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** When heated to decomposition, product may emit acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Acute Toxicity:** Bacitracin can be harmful if swallowed or absorbed through the skin. It is a poison by intraperitoneal and intravenous routes and is classified as moderately toxic by ingestion and subcutaneous routes. The oral LD$_{50}$ is 2,000 mg/kg (adult guinea pig).

**Signs/Symptoms of Overexposure:** Possible rash, nausea, and vomiting. Hypersensitivity to bacitracin has been reported.

**Chronic Toxicity:** This product is not considered a carcinogen by NTP, IARC, or OSHA.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS

None anticipated under normal conditions of use.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose of all waste and contaminated materials associated with this chemical as specified by existing local, state and federal regulations concerning hazardous waste disposal. Contact the Occupational and Environmental Safety Office for specific guidance.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Proper Shipping Name (DOT):** Not regulated by this mode of transportation.

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Reported in EPA TSCA Inventory.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

This information is based on our present knowledge; however this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features. No toxicity data are available on this specific formulation; this health hazard assessment is based on information that is available for its components.