



SOP 5.2 NEEDLES AND INJECTIONS

This standard operating procedure (SOP) can be used as a template.
If you develop your own version, all required elements must be included.

PID#:

Site manager: Person in charge:

PROTOCOL

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1	The site manager must ensure the person in charge of this protocol is adequately trained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory																								
2	Use only detectable needles.	<input type="checkbox"/>																									
3	Injections in a non-breeding herd animal must only be administered in the neck.	<input type="checkbox"/>																									
4	The hip injection site must only be used for breeding stock.	<input type="checkbox"/>																									
5	All other injections must be administered according to veterinarian instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>																									
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7	<p>To reduce the risk of injection-site abscesses:</p> <p>a. Define a maximum dose per injection site according to the product used (it is recommended that no more than 10 mL per site be injected in adults and no more than 2 mL for piglets):</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Product Name</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Injection Site</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Maximum Dosage</td> <td rowspan="3" style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">_____</td> </tr> </table>	Product Name	Injection Site	Maximum Dosage	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____			_____				Mandatory
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	b. Use adequate restraints.	<input type="checkbox"/>											
	c. Give the injection on clean skin.	<input type="checkbox"/>											
d. Change the needle if it becomes dull, burred or bent.	<input type="checkbox"/>												
e. Ensure needles, needle-free injectors and medications are stored appropriately.	<input type="checkbox"/>												
f. Maintain and clean syringes and needle-free injectors according to the manufacturer's instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>												
8	<p>Other good production practices:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommended										