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Hand Washing Glassware Procedure

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PURPOSE

To assure the cleanliness of glassware.

PROCEDURE

**Routine Washing:**

1. Glassware should be appropriately emptied of contents and rinsed in tap water.
2. Glassware is washed in ALCONOX detergent. Use one tablespoon for each gallon of water.

a) When using powdered detergent, use appropriate protective gear as directed on detergent container.

1. Use bleach or acid alcohol as needed to remove stains.
2. Soak glassware for five minutes before cleaning.
3. Using a brush as needed, clean the glassware.
4. Rinse thoroughly in hot running tap water.
5. Rinse in hot running water.
6. Drain dry overnight. When glassware is dry, place in drawers and cabinets to avoid getting dusty/

**Acid Wash for Silver Nitrate Coated Glassware**

1. Soak glassware in strong bleach solution 1 hr or overnight.
2. Wash glassware with a combination of Labtone and bleach.
3. Rinse the glassware in running hot water.
4. After rinsing glassware, acid wash in 1% Hydrochloric acid solution.
5. Rinse again with hot running water.
6. Stack glassware and dry overnight. When glassware is dry, place in drawers and cabinets to avoid getting dusty.

Daily, a random check of glassware will be performed and recorded to test for residual detergent by using phenolphthalein. If the test solution turns blue the glassware has residual detergent and needs to be rinsed more thoroughly.

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