Wipe the stopper

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) advises that the exterior surfaces of injection vials are not intended to be sterile. Most protective lids do not guarantee sterility of the outer surface of a vial rubber stopper. This lid is intended to act as a shield for the rubber stopper and to keep dust and other physical contaminants away from it.

Important steps

1. Always use aseptic technique when preparing and administering injections to a patient
2. Always wipe the outer surface of the rubber stopper of injection vials with a 70% isopropyl alcohol swab
3. Allow rubber stopper to dry before inserting any device into the vial